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California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection  
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**RE: Letter of Support for “Public-Private Partnerships to Improve Forest Health and Watershed Resilience in Napa and Lake Counties” - CAL FIRE Forest Health Grant Program (CCI) (#90165470)**

To Whom it May Concern:

The County of Lake is pleased to express our support for Lake County Resource Conservation District's (Lake RCD) and Napa County Resource Conservation District (Napa RCD) grant application to the CAL FIRE Forest Health program for the **Public-Private Partnerships to Improve Forest Health and Watershed Resilience in Napa and Lake Counties** project.

The proposed project is an approximately 1,000-acre, landscape-scale forest health and watershed protection initiative spanning 600 acres across Lake Hennessey, Moore Creek Park, and Snowden Vineyards in Napa County, and approximately 400 acres across Six Sigma Ranch and neighboring private properties in Lake County. As a partnering landowner on this project, Six Sigma Ranch is committed to: (1) working with Lake RCD to complete the proposed activities, including thinning and pile burning across approximately 219 acres; and (2) independently work with a certified burn boss to complete a broadcast burn to maintain the treated areas within two years of project completion as landowner match. The project will restore fire-adapted oak woodland and mixed conifer forest structure, reduce high-severity wildfire risk, and strengthen watershed resilience within the Lake Hennessey and Upper Cache Creek watersheds. While large swaths of Napa and Lake counties have burned in the last decade (62% and 72%, respectively), the project areas have not burned in recent history and reflect decades of fire exclusion, fuel accumulation, and increasing stand density. Current conditions elevate the risk of crown fire and high soil burn severity, threatening forest health, watershed function, regional evacuation routes, and nearby communities. This project will reduce hazardous fuels and create strategic fire breaks that significantly reduce landscape-scale wildfire risk across the areas of Lower Lake and Hidden Valley Lake in Lake County.

The proposed treatments—including thinning, ladder fuel reduction, prescribed fire, and invasive species management—will reduce fuel continuity and shift fire behavior toward lower-intensity surface fire. This will improve community safety and evacuation conditions, protect watershed function by reducing post-fire erosion and sediment delivery, and deliver climate benefits by stabilizing forest carbon and lowering the risk of large wildfire emissions.

This project aligns with our Vision 2028 Goal to develop and maintain a high standard of Disaster Prevention, Preparedness and Recovery, in collaboration with all community stakeholders. Given this alignment, the County of Lake is pleased to express its enthusiastic support for the “Public-Private Partnerships to Improve Forest Health and Watershed Resilience in Napa and Lake Counties” project alongside LCRC and partners.

This project represents a strategic public-private partnership that will improve forest and watershed health, reduce wildfire risk, and protect critical drinking water resources, and strengthen the resilience of communities and natural resources across Lake and Napa counties. The County of Lake fully supports this proposal.

Sincerely,  
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Chair, Lake County Board of Supervisors