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Blue Ribbon Committee for the Rehabilitation of Clear Lake

RE: Putting Down Roots: Establishing TERA’s EcoCultural Stewardship Training Center

Dear Blue Ribbon Committee Members,

The County of Lake fully supports the **“Putting Down Roots: Establishing TERA’s EcoCultural Stewardship Training Center”** project being submitted by the non-profit Tribal EcoRestoration Allikance (TERA).

TERA’s mission to revitalize ecology, economy, and culture through Indigenous-led stewardship is of great service to Lake County. Their work supports key priorities, such as wildfire preparedness, watershed and ecosystem restoration, and community resilience. Additionally, TERA’s efforts help address the critical challenge of building a trained workforce to manage natural resources and restore landscapes, while creating meaningful jobs in our county.

We strongly support TERA’s project to fully establish their EcoCultural Stewardship Training Center in Upper Lake. Funding will enable key site improvements, ADA accessibility requirements, and staff capacity to manage projects and coordinate community engagement. These investments will strengthen TERA’s ability to train Tribal and community members in cultural fire, watershed restoration, invasive species management, and land stewardship rooted in Traditional Ecological Knowledge.

TERA’s EcoCultural Stewardship Training Center plays an important role in building the workforce and community capacity needed to restore the Clear Lake Basin. Establishing this permanent base for training and demonstration will help cultivate the next generation of Lake County land stewards who will carry forward the work of restoring water quality, ecosystems, and cultural relationships to the land for generations to come.

The County of Lake fully supports TERA’s project and strongly recommends that the Blue Ribbon Committee for the Rehabilitation of Clear Lake support funding this important effort. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,
COUNTY OF LAKE

Chair, Lake County Board of Supervisors