



COUNTY OF LAKE

255 N. Forbes Street
Lakeport, California 95453

To: Nonpoint Source Pollution (NPS) Control Program
Central Valley Region 5
C/O Holly Grover

Re: Letter of Support for the Lake County Watershed Protection District application to 2022 Nonpoint Source Grant Program and confirmation that Lake County represents a Disadvantaged Community that would greatly benefit from this grant program.

Dear Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program Grant Reviewers,

This letter confirms our support for the Lake County Watershed Protection District to apply for and receive a Nonpoint Source Grant from the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) from the United State Environmental Protection Agency under Clean Water Act section 319. This grant would provide valuable and needed resources to develop a watershed-based nonpoint sourced stormwater management plan ("Plan") that would identify, design and prioritize future implementation projects for Lake County that will provide for improvements to storm water management and infrastructure in traditionally underserved rural areas.

The proposed Plan will provide guidance for proposed projects addressing several categories such as water quality, water supply, flood management, stormwater re-use, recharge, retention, wildfire-mitigation/suppression, and community well-being through enhanced source control measures. While the County has an existing Urban Storm Water Management Plan, created in 2003, the County has not yet been able to develop a comprehensive watershed-based nonpoint source storm water plan that extends throughout the entire Clear Lake watershed, nor the entire county. Nonpoint Source Program funds are needed to support this project, as Lake County is comprised of disadvantage and severely disadvantaged communities.

A disadvantaged community is one with an annual median household income of less than 80% of the statewide annual median household income (Wat. Code, § 79505.5 (a).) Based on the 2016-2020 federal census data, the overall median household income for California is \$78,672; in comparison, the 2016-2020 median household income of Lake County is \$49,254, which is 62% of the statewide annual median household income. Therefore, based on this condition, we are also writing to request a **grant match waiver** for this grant program, as provided in the grant guidelines.

The need for this grant program's support and justification for a waived match contribution are clear. The benefits of this Plan are plentiful, and the information it would provide would fill a much-needed knowledge gap that would allow Lake County to grow in a sustainable and smart way when it comes to storm water quality and infrastructure improvement.

Sincerely yours,

REPRESENTATIVE NAME, CONTACT, AND SIGNATURE