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California Wildlife Conservation Board
Grant Review Committee
1700 9th Street, 4th Floor
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Re: Lake County Watershed Protection District proposal of a scientific study of Scotts Creek and the Scotts Creek watershed to better understand its influence and impact on flood protection of Scotts Valley.

Dear Wildlife Conservation Board,

On behalf of County of Lake's District 4, please accept this letter of support for the Lake County Watershed Protection District's (LCWPD) grant application through the California Wildlife Conservation Boards Proposition 1 Stream Flow Enhancement Program. If funded, the LCWPD will use funds through the Stream Flow Enhancement Program to conduct a scientific study of Scott's Creek, which is the second largest tributary flowing into Clear Lake, California's largest natural, freshwater lake.

If funded, the LCWPD will be able to fill in missing and crucial information regarding the chemical, biological, and hydrological make-up of the Scotts Creek Watershed, this is specifically important for better understanding the role Scotts Creek and Tule Lake have on the flood behavior in Scotts Valley. Being that Scott Creek lies within District 4, community members and stakeholders are first handedly impacted by the performance of Scotts Creek, which has frequent and routine history of flooding during the winter months. Having the opportunity to study Scotts Creek will aid the County in proper flood management and mitigation of Scott's creek.

A scientific study of Scotts Creek watershed is crucial in providing an understanding of the health and well-being of natural resources located throughout not only District 4 and Scotts Creek Watershed, but the entire Clear Lake Watershed as well. In addition, the proposed study will prioritize management so that tribes, local and state agencies, and other organization can improve groundwater levels, riparian habitat, water quality, and flood protection in the Scotts Creek Watershed.

On behalf of County of Lake's District 4, we strongly encourage the California Wildlife Conservation Board give strong consideration to the LCWPD's grant application to conduct the study of Scotts Creek and its watershed.

Sincerely yours,

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