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Ms. Nancy Snodgrass
California Department of Water Resources
Flood and Watershed Engineering Section
2400 Main Street
Red Bluff, CA 96080

SUBJECT: Letter of Support for Lake County Watershed Protection District Request for Extension for Agreement No. 4600012946, Middle Creek Flood Damage Reduction and Ecosystem Restoration Project

Dear Ms. Snodgrass,

On behalf of the Lake County Board of Supervisors, please allow this letter to serve as a Letter of Support for the Lake County Watershed Protection District's (District) Request for Extension for California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Agreement No. 4600012946 (Agreement) for the Middle Creek Flood Damage Reduction and Ecosystem Restoration Project (Project). As identified on page two (2) of the Agreement, the current end date of work to be completed by is March 31, 2022 and current end date of funds requested by is December 31, 2022. The District is requesting a two (2) year timeline grant extension of both Agreement deadlines.

The principal reason for the District's Request for Extension, is a result of the already encountered and the likely encounter of anticipated discrepancies due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Since its inception, the Pandemic has impacted not only the communication chain and transport of essential documents in an expedited manner between the parcel owners, Title Company, County, and DWR; but also the overall acquisition process including influences to the real estate availability and process throughout the County.

These discrepancies have had direct and detrimental impacts on the forward progress of Task 1: Administration, Task 2: Acquisition Costs, and Task 3: Relocation, Demolition and Cleanup of Agreement as outlined in Exhibit C of Agreement No. 4600012946. The delays that the District has encountered to date have caused unanticipated turbulence of the movements towards the outlined March and December 2022 deadlines.

If DWR were to deem timeline adjustments appropriate to extend the current deadlines by two (2) years, the Board of Supervisors would continue to provide support and

pressure on the District of the timely completion of the Project by means of still aiming for the current Project timeline as outlined in Exhibit E of Agreement No. 4600012946.

The County of Lake Board of Supervisors would like to welcome the opportunity to discuss this Letter of Support in more detail or provide you and your team any additional information. If you find yourself with any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via email Bruno.Sabatier@lakecountyca.gov or via phone at (707) 263-2368.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

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