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Financial Assistance Branch
Department of Water Resources
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Attention: Round 2 IRWM Implementation Grant Program

Re: Support of City of Etna's Water Meter Modernization and Water Security Project

To Whom It May Concern:

The Siskiyou County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, which acts as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the Scott Valley groundwater basin, is writing in support of the **City of Etna's, Water Meter Modernization and Water Security Project** proposal. The City of Etna has applied for funding through California Department of Water Resources Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Grant Program for this project. The **City of Etna's Water Meter Modernization and Water Security Project** serves a high percentage of the Scott Valley population either through residency, businesses, or schools.

Like many basins within California, the GSA has recently completed its Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) and the Scott Valley GSP outlines multiple projects and management actions (PMAs) necessary to achieve the Basin's sustainability goals. Objectives related to this project include; achieving the thresholds and objectives for the interconnected surface water sustainability indicator and avoiding additional stresses on interconnected surface water and their habitats. In order to achieve some of these goals, the GSP classifies management actions organized into three tiers which reflect the anticipated timeline for implementation.

The **City of Etna's Water Meter Modernization and Water Security Project**, similar to Irrigation Efficiency Improvement projects identified in Tier I of the GSP, will improve water use efficiency through equipment and data collection method upgrades. This will reduce overall water demand lessening river disconnection during critical periods and improved the accuracy of water measurement allowing the city to efficiently assess water demand and improve conservation.

This project supports the goals of the GSA and Scott Valley GSP, providing a path forward to better water stewardship.

Sincerely,

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Brandon A. Criss, Chair

Siskiyou County Flood Control and Water Conservation District