



COUNTY OF SISKIYOU

Flood Control & Water Conservation District

P.O. Box 750 • 1312 Fairlane Road, Yreka, CA 96097
Phone: (530) 842-8012, Fax Number: (530) 842-8013

March 1, 2022

Financial Assistance Branch
Department of Water Resources
PO Box 942836
Sacramento, CA 94236

Re: Scott River Watershed Council's Etna Creek Real Time Streamflow Monitoring

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 ***Etna Creek Real Time Streamflow Monitoring*** proposal. The Scott River Watershed Council has applied for funding through California Department of Water Resources Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Grant Program for this project. The ***Etna Creek Real Time Streamflow Monitoring*** proposal supports a recent application by the ***City of Etna for the City of Etna's Water Meter Modernization and Water Security Project***.

Like many basins within California, the GSA has recently completed its Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) which outlines multiple projects and management actions (PMAs) deemed 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 ***Etna Creek Real Time Streamflow Monitoring*** project is a critical element of 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 with the increased ability to communicate the need to conserve water within the City during periods of drought conditions. This will reduce overall water demand, lessening river disconnection during critical periods, and improve 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,

DocuSigned by:

41160BC51636457
Brandon A. Criss, Chair

Siskiyou County Flood Control and Water Conservation District