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Mr. Matt Baun
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United States Fish and Wildlife
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Sent Via Email: matt_baun@fws.gov

Subject: Analysis of the Shasta Valley Water Rights in the Klamath River (SUPPORT)

Dear Mr. Baun:

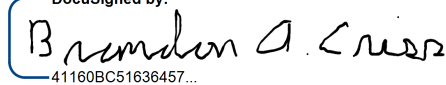
The Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors would like to express our full support for the *Analysis of the Shasta Valley Water Rights in the Klamath River* submitted to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service's Year 1 Klamath Funding Bi-Partisan Infrastructure Law solicitation.

A concept first investigated as early as 1923 to meet water resource demands in the Shasta Valley has been to import water from the Klamath River to the Shasta River Basin. Water from the Klamath River could be utilized for irrigation needs in the Shasta Valley, while Shasta River water would be left undiverted to support fisheries. The proposal submitted by the Siskiyou County Farm Bureau under the Infrastructure funding will be to sponsor the legal research necessary to identify the exact scope of the water rights. A later phase of the project will be for an entity within the Shasta Valley to actually secure the right to divert the water to import Klamath River water to irrigate agriculture in Shasta Valley.

There are important preliminary steps that must be executed to fully realize this project. The Yurok Tribe is planning to sponsor an engineering study of the feasibility of piping Klamath River water to the Shasta Valley. Lastly, the Siskiyou County Farm Bureau is proposing to work with Tribes, conservation groups, local government, and other interested stakeholders on this proposal; and the County is particularly interested in supporting and/or partnering with these stakeholders in any means necessary to fully investigate this potentially significant project.

We appreciate the opportunity to submit this letter of support, and we look forward to seeing this proposal funded.

Sincerely,

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Brandon A. Criss, Chair
Board of Supervisors

cc: Siskiyou County Farm Bureau