



COUNTY OF SISKIYOU

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California Department of Water Resources
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Attn: Alena Misaghi


Re: Grenada Irrigation District “Conjunctive Use and Resiliency in the Grenada Irrigation District”

To Whom It May Concern:

The Siskiyou County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, which acts as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the Shasta Valley groundwater basin, is writing in support of the ***Grenada Irrigation Districts “Conjunctive Use and Resiliency in the Grenada Irrigation District”*** proposal. Grenada Irrigation District (GID) is applying for funding through the California Department of Water Resources Small Community Drought Relief Grant Program. There are approximately 60 residential wells and the town of Grenada’s lone water supply well located within the GID boundary, all of which fall under a Disadvantaged Community (DAC). Like the rest of California, GID and nearby residents and agricultural irrigators are suffering from the impacts of drought and are exploring options to improve their water reliability, while still protecting streamflow for anadromous fish in the Shasta River; a key tributary to the Klamath River.

The GSA’s submitted Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the Shasta Valley GSP outlines multiple projects and management actions (PMAs) to be implemented that are necessary to achieve the Shasta basin’s sustainability goals and emphasizes creative solutions to maintain our water reliability. Analyzing a conjunctive use project for GID will provide an excellent opportunity to first, provide immediate relief to at risk residential wells and the small community of Grenada, by quickly replenishing the local aquifer through winter recharge. Secondly, GID can improve their water efficiency deliveries to their irrigators, while leaving water instream during critical summer months. The GSA is concerned that through curtailment or other restrictions on surface water diversion for flood irrigation, residential wells are or will be impacted. This project aids in preventing severe impacts to rural residential wells and supports the goals of the Shasta Valley GSP, that emphasizes all beneficial users of water should be protected, and has the full support from the GSA. If awarded, the GSA looks forward to working with GID to implement this project.

Sincerely,

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Brandon A. Criss, Chair
Siskiyou County Flood Control and Water Conservation District