December 13, 2022

Carlos Suarez

State Conservationist, California State Office

Natural Resources Conservation Service

430 G Street, #4164

Davis, CA 95616-4164

**Subject: Request for Preliminary Investigation Feasibility Report**

Dear Mr. Suarez:

Through this letter, the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors, in coordination with the Siskiyou County Farm Bureau, are requesting a Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Preliminary Investigation Feasibility Report (PIFR) for a potential Public Law (PL) 566 project in Siskiyou County, within the Scott Valley. We are asking the NRCS, through the PIFR, to determine which of two sites is most suitable for a water storage project; either in Noyes Valley or Wildcat Canyon.

If determined feasible in one of the two locations, the project would collect water for irrigation and allow agricultural producers to leave clean, cold water in the Scott River to benefit salmon, thereby meeting the public fish and wildlife and agriculture water management purposes of the NRCS program. In conjunction with the Siskiyou County Farm Bureau, we will work with local Tribes to achieve the goals of this potential project.

As the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors, representing all County constituents, we have an interest in the proposed watershed project. Should the PIFR determine that a project in either Noyes Valley or Wildcat Canyon is viable and would provide an overall benefit, Siskiyou County is interested in potentially serving as the project sponsor. We cannot make the obligation through this letter or at this time but can make a final determination, if and when the details of completing the water storage project are provided through the PIFR.

We look forward to working with NRCS in developing this PIFR. The contact information of the administrative and technical contact persons for both the County and the Siskiyou County Farm Bureau are provided as follows:

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This letter was approved by the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors on December 13, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Sincerely,

Brandon A. Criss, Chair

Board of Supervisors