June 20, 2023

E. Joaquin Esquivel, Chair

State Water Resources Control Board

1001 I Street

Sacramento, CA 95814

**Subject: State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Curtailment Orders – Recommendation for Non-Renewal for the Scott and Shasta Rivers**

Dear Chair Esquivel,

The Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors (County) is writing this letter to express our appreciation of SWRCB staff regarding their June 6, 2023, recommendation to not extend the Emergency Regulations/Curtailments in the Scott and Shasta Rivers. The County acknowledges the challenges associated with the curtailment orders over the last couple of years and understands the difficulty in implementing the associated actions while also trying to balance the needs of all who depend on the water resources.

Since the implementation of the Emergency Regulations irrigators have developed regular coordination with SWRCB staff that has provided an opportunity to develop a better understanding of the nuances related to irrigated agriculture in the Shasta and Scott Valleys, and has led to needed voluntary actions by these irrigators. There has also been expanded data collection from both a surface water standpoint, as well as groundwater, which has benefited the Groundwater Sustainability Plans as they relate to informing data gaps and the groundwater models for each basin.

We support SWRCB staff’s recommendation to not extend the Emergency Regulations, and we encourage SWRCB members to do so as well. We understand that there is still work ahead in the Shasta and Scott Valleys and we clearly heard the comments provided by the SWRCB members during the June 6, 2023, Board meeting. We look forward to a continued professional working relationship with the SWRCB and welcome the opportunity to participate in any future discussions and planning activities surrounding water resources in the Shasta and Scott Valleys.

Sincerely,

Ed Valenzuela, Chair

Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors