



COUNTY OF SISKIYOU

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Department of Water Resources
Division of Regional Assistance, SGM Grant Program
SENT VIA EMAIL

Re: Siskiyou County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Supporting the Groundwater Sustainability Agencies DWR Implementation Grant Proposals for the Butte, Scott and Shasta Valley Groundwater Basins

To Whom it May Concern:

The Siskiyou County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District), acting as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the Butte, Scott and Shasta Valley groundwater basins is writing in support of the GSA's application to the "SGM Program SGMA Implementation Grant Program". The GSA has submitted separate proposals for the Butte, Scott, and Shasta Valley Groundwater Basins.

The GSA is very appreciative of the opportunity and grateful for the notification of the draft award. We have appreciated DWR's continued support of these efforts, and especially during the development phases of the three Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSP). As you may know, large portions of Siskiyou County, and the three groundwater Basins, are considered "disadvantaged" or "severely disadvantaged" communities. This funding award will provide the GSA a unique and rare opportunity to implement the GSPs in a way that secures groundwater availability and reliability in the future, including for those communities designated as "disadvantaged" and "severely disadvantaged".

The components detailed in our proposals are critical to managing the GSP implementation process and ensuring effective outreach and coordination with stakeholders. From a scientific and technical perspective, funding will allow staff and consultants to address critical data gaps, and gain a better understanding of groundwater interconnectivity in the Scott and Shasta watersheds; a key component for the long-term sustainability of the Basins. Funding will also assist in gathering groundwater well locations and associated information, and to better understand the areas of groundwater depletion that may be impacting our rural residential water users. Funding for recharge pilot projects will allow for the collection of critical information related to strategic recharge locations to better understand the benefits and opportunities of "environmental" recharge efforts (such as Scott Valley Irrigation District's), which have been designed for the purpose of improving summertime flows for Salmonids.

In closing, the GSA is extremely grateful for the draft award recommendation and we are looking forward to working with DWR to implement our proposals, which has been made possible through the award of these grant funds.

Sincerely,

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Ed Valenzuela, Chair

Siskiyou County Flood Control and Water Conservation District