



## COUNTY OF SISKIYOU

### Board of Supervisors

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**Re: Scott River Watershed Council's (SRWC) *Mid French Creek Comprehensive Restoration Project (Project)* application to NOAA's Transformational Habitat Restoration and Coastal Resilience Grants Under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act**

Dear Grant Selection Committee,

The Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors (Board) is writing in support for the Scott River Watershed Councils (SRWC) application to the National Marine Fisheries (NOAA) "Transformational Habitat Restoration and Coastal Resilience" grant opportunity. The Board will continually support projects focused on on-the-ground restoration activities described in SRWC's proposal. Actions such as reconnecting floodplains, restoring instream habitat, and improving spawning and rearing conditions for Coho are much needed in the Scott River watershed. This project will have significant positive impact towards rebuilding productive and sustainable fisheries; contribute to the recovery and conservation of the ESA-threatened Scott River Coho Salmon, and other aquatic species; and increase groundwater storage via the reconnection of the stream floodplain. In our economically disadvantaged community, this will also provide economic vitality through employment of residents of the general community and the Quartz Valley Indian Reservation (QVIR), as well as providing opportunities for local youth to participate in restoration and monitoring activities.

The Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors is supportive of SRWC's project and looks forward to our continued involvement in fishery restoration projects in the Scott River watershed.

Sincerely,

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Chair, Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors