



COUNTY OF SISKIYOU

Flood Control & Water Conservation District

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National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
SENT VIA EMAIL

Re: Shasta Valley RCD-Grenada Irrigation District Managed Aquifer Recharge Project Application Support Letter for the Klamath Basin Forests and Watersheds Restoration Conservation Partner's Program Grant Application

To Whom It May Concern:

The Siskiyou County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District), serving as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the Shasta Valley groundwater basin, is providing this letter of support for the Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District's (RCD) funding application to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's (NFWF) *Klamath Basin Forests and Watersheds Restoration Conservation Partners Program*. Managed aquifer recharge projects are vital for ensuring water supply reliability and enhancing drought resilience, which are essential for sustaining Shasta Valley's agricultural community and maintaining instream flows in the Shasta River for fish and wildlife benefits.

The District has recently received a temporary water right permit for groundwater recharge on behalf of the Grenada Irrigation District (GID), which is preparing for its first opportunity to divert water for recharge. GID has existing infrastructure in place and is collaborating with participating landowners to collect baseline data on groundwater, surface water, and biological conditions. This data will demonstrate the importance of groundwater recharge for replenishing rural and municipal groundwater supplies, while also assessing the positive impact on Shasta River summer flow.

By capturing and storing water in the ground that would otherwise be lost from the valley, the project will help augment groundwater supplies for multiple beneficial users. A key secondary benefit of this project is its potential to assess groundwater contributions to the Shasta River during drier months.

In alignment with the goals outlined in the Shasta Valley Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP), the District fully supports the Shasta Valley RCD's application for the GID managed aquifer recharge project and looks forward to collaborating with them on this important initiative.

Sincerely,

Signed by:



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Nancy Ogren, Chair

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