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Senator Alex Padilla
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

RE: FY 2026 Congressionally Directed Spending Request for Scott River Tailings Reach
Wetlands Restoration Project

Dear Senator Padilla,

The Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors (Board), is writing in support of California Trout's (CalTrout) \$1M request for congressionally directed spending (CDS) to fund the Scott River Tailings Reach Wetlands Restoration Project. Focused on the Farmers Ditch Company in Scott Valley, funding requested for this project would be utilized to complete several on-farm efficiency projects that would improve the area's water infrastructure and the surrounding habitat for endangered populations of anadromous fish.

The Scott Valley community relies on sustainable agriculture and the local water supply, as do fish populations in the watershed. To address increased challenges in balancing the water needs of both agriculture and fisheries, the project fosters collaboration among stakeholders, including farmers, tribes, and conservation groups, through a 2023 Memorandum of Understanding. This agreement establishes a framework for solutions that balance the needs of farms, fish, and the broader community. The Scott River Tailings Reach Wetlands Restoration Project focuses on improving ecosystem resilience and water supply availability for sustainable agriculture. This project looks to restore and develop a reliable water supply, promote streamflow connectivity, create rearing habitats for juvenile salmon, and reduce harmful conditions like high water temperatures and sedimentation.

While previous programmatic investments in this project have been made by federal and state natural resources agencies through various grant programs, the remaining on-farm efficiency work has yet to be funded. Additionally, as water resource conflicts in the Western US continue to occur, increasing efficiency of water use is paramount to the viability of small rural communities such as the Scott Valley. The Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors strongly supports funding this project and looks forward to working with Farmers Ditch and CalTrout to continue fostering proactive and positive water management solutions.

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This letter was approved by the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors on April 15, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Sincerely,

Nancy Ogren, Chair
Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors