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Senator Alex Padilla
United States Senate
331 Hart Street
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Senator Adam Schiff
United States Senate
112 Hart Street
Washington D.C. 20510

Subject: Montague Water Conservation District Irrigation Efficiency for Sustainable Agriculture and Salmon on the Shasta River

Dear Senators Padilla and Schiff:

The Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors (Board) writes in support of the Montague Water Conservation District's (MWCD) design and build project, *Irrigation Efficiency for Sustainable Agriculture and Shasta* project located on the Shasta River in the Shasta Valley of Siskiyou County, California. The project's goal is to design and build a re-diversion system, where MWCD can bypass important spring runoff flows at their Parks Creek diversion to a re-diversion point, approximately 28 to 32 miles downstream. The water left instream between those points will increase flow in Parks Creek and the Shasta River and decrease temperatures during critical salmonid fish migration periods. The change in diversion point will also increase efficiencies of diversion for MWCD's irrigation customers, better allowing the district to save water in their expansive canal infrastructure.

The Board has long supported irrigation efficiency projects that improve water delivery to our Shasta Valley irrigators, and in turn provide added cold water and flow to our salmon-bearing watersheds. Therefore, the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors strongly recommends approving funding for this critical project.

Sincerely,

Signed by:

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