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RE: Letter of Support for the Scott River Tailings Off-Channel Habitat Connectivity Project

To Whom It May Concern,

The County of Siskiyou is pleased to offer its strong support for the Scott River Tailings Off-Channel Habitat Connectivity Project and the Scott River Watershed Council's application for funding through the Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART Program.

This project will support watershed health by reconnecting currently isolated ponds and off-channel areas to the Scott River. The reconnection will substantially increase high-quality aquatic and riparian habitat for native fish species, including coho and Chinook salmon, which hold significant cultural, subsistence, and ceremonial importance for Tribal communities. These habitat benefits will be achieved without changing existing agricultural water use or availability. The project also includes approximately one-half mile of pipeline to improve water delivery efficiency and reliability for Farmers Ditch Company water users.

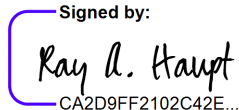
In addition to these watershed and water delivery benefits, the project will provide flood protection for Moore's Gravel, a long-standing local business. Protecting this multi-generational business from future flood impacts will help preserve an important local economic asset, support local employment, and reduce the potential for costly flood-related damage to private property and infrastructure.

The County of Siskiyou recognizes the importance of locally led projects that address watershed health while considering the needs of agriculture, fisheries, Tribal communities, private landowners, and local businesses. We believe the Scott River Tailings Off-Channel Habitat Connectivity Project is a practical, collaborative investment in the long-term health and resilience of the Scott River watershed and the communities that depend on it.

We strongly support funding and implementation of this project through the Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART Program.

Sincerely,

Signed by:


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