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Araceli Moreno, Manager
California Natural Resources Agency
California Advisory Committee on Geographic Names
715 P Street, 20th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Support for Renaming General Creek to dukMé?em wát'a

Dear Ms. Moreno,

On behalf of the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors, I am writing to express the County's formal support for the proposal to rename General Creek to dukMé?em wát'a, a name of Native origin.

The County recognizes that the current name, General Creek, carries connotations that are considered offensive and inconsistent with our shared values of respect, inclusion, and historical accuracy. The proposed name, dukMé?em wát'a, reflects the region's Indigenous heritage and honors the original language and culture of the Native people who have stewarded this land for generations.

El Dorado County is committed to acknowledging and preserving the cultural and historical significance of the landscapes within our region. Supporting this name change aligns with our efforts to promote inclusivity, recognize Indigenous place names, and ensure that geographic identifiers reflect the diversity and history of the communities they represent.

To support public understanding and cultural education, the County also requests that the approved name include a phonetic pronunciation guide for dukMé?em wát'a in official records and mapping databases. Including pronunciation guidance will help residents and visitors unfamiliar with the Washoe language to correctly speak and appreciate the name, further honoring its linguistic and cultural significance. For these reasons, the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors respectfully urges the California Advisory Committee on Geographic Names to approve the proposal to rename General Creek to dukMé?em wát'a.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and for your continued work to ensure that California's geographic names honor the state's cultural and historical integrity.

Sincerely,

George Turnboo
Chair, El Dorado County Board of Supervisors