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August 30, 2016

William Roby
El Dorado Community Foundation
312 Main Street, Suite 201
Placerville, CA 95667

Dear Mr. Roby:

The County of El Dorado Board of Supervisors hereby formally expresses its support for the South County Large Animal Rescue (SCLAR) to receive the Endow El Dorado 2017 Grant from the El Dorado Community Foundation.

The County Office of Emergency Services through County of El Dorado Animal Services has collaborated with SCLAR for over 10 years to promote and conduct safe evacuations of large animals and livestock. The County's Animal Services, in particular, partners with SCLAR to provide education and trainings, awareness campaigns, and promote efforts to increase coverage in El Dorado County during fire season.

According to CAL FIRE, the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, California's current weather conditions have increased wildland fire dangers in the El Dorado County area. Equally alarming, the growing problem of wildland fires has significantly impacted the health and safety of livestock. Understanding and developing defensible spaces, creating evacuation plans, and advanced preparation are crucial to the survival of livestock during a fire.

SCLAR has expressed a need for basic tools and equipment to help with training and evacuation efforts. They are experiencing a severe shortage of provisions and materials for transporting, handling and housing livestock. SCLAR must also maintain proper insurance and maintenance on their trailers. These needs come from a desire to be self-sufficient during a wildland fire.

Due to the increase in wildland fires and the importance of the health and safety of El Dorado County's livestock, the County of El Dorado Board of Supervisors supports SCLAR for the award for the Endow El Dorado 2017 Grant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron Mikulaco", is written over a series of horizontal lines.

Ron Mikulaco, Chair
Board of Supervisors
El Dorado County