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Subject: Letter of Support for the "King Fire Watershed Rehabilitation and Reforestation Project"

Dear Mr. Pimlott,

The Georgetown Divide Resource Conservation District (RCD) has worked with several Federal, State, and local agencies, along with private landowners, to develop and submit the: **"King Fire Watershed Rehabilitation and Reforestation Project Concept Proposal"** under the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.

We strongly encourage you to fund the King Fire Watershed Rehabilitation and Reforestation Project.

In September and October of 2014 the King Fire burned 97,717 acres of land. There are 75 non-industrial forest landowners within the burn perimeter who own about 2500 acres with parcels ranging in size from 10 acres to 160 acres. This project will clearly provide greenhouse gas reduction benefits because it will reforest an area devastated by wildfire. A second benefit will be associated with the treatment of the project area to reduce the potential for future fire by reducing post fire fuel loads. Finally, there will be co-benefits to the ecological community that was formerly associated with the mixed conifer forest burned by the King Fire.

California has a vast forest land base that has the potential to significantly offset GHG emissions. These forest resources are located on state, federal, and private lands. This diverse mix of land owners means that coordination among the state, private land owners, and federal agencies will be important to the success of any comprehensive forest climate strategy in California.

Again, we strongly encourage you to fund the King Fire Watershed Rehabilitation and Reforestation Project.

Thank you.

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