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

**Subject: Support for Renaming General Creek to dukMéʔem 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 dukMéʔem 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, dukMéʔem 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.

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 dukMéʔem 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