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

Dear Mr. Pimlott,

The El Dorado County Resource Conservation District (RCD) has worked with several local agencies, along with private landowners, to develop and submit the: **"Sand 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 Sand Fire Watershed Rehabilitation and Reforestation Project.

In August of 2014, the Sand Fire burned 4,240 acres of land in the Consumes River Watershed. 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 oak-woodland/ mixed conifer forest burned by the Sand 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 Sand Fire Watershed Rehabilitation and Reforestation Project. Please feel free to contact me if you need any additional information.

Thank you

Brian K. Veerkamp
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