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**RE: Support -"Future Farmers of America Agricultural Leadership Program"
Proposal Sierra Nevada Conservancy Proposition 84 Grant Program**

Gentlemen:

The County of El Dorado Board of Supervisors supports the "Future Farmers of American Agricultural Leadership Program" Proposal submitted by the El Dorado County Resource Conservation District under the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Proposition 84 Grant Funding Program.

The members of the Future Farmers of America (FFA) organization are dedicated to developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural experiences. Students are encouraged to develop competent and assertive agricultural leadership skills and to encourage wise management of economic, environmental and human resources within the community. The proposed FFA Agricultural Leadership Program will build a program that promotes responsible resource stewardship to private landowners by helping them become leaders in on-the-ground site improvement.

The proposed Program seeks to achieve immediate and lasting reductions in the nutrient, sediment and pathogen pollution to surface and ground waters. The Program proposes to enhance the Ponderosa High School Livestock Facilities, allowing them to be utilized as a Best Management Practices (BMPs) demonstration sites for agricultural livestock facilities. The 3-acre site will concentrate on BMPs associated with livestock facilities for cattle, goats, sheep, pigs, poultry and meat rabbits. This community demonstration site will be a one-of-a kind asset in El Dorado County that will serve as a physical success within the community for landowners, as well as county administrators, to learn and experience firsthand the results of responsible land care for livestock properties.

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The Board of Supervisors thanks you for accepting the Future Farmers of America Agricultural Leadership Program Proposal for funding consideration under the Sierra Nevada Conservancy's Proposition 84 Grant Program.

Sincerely,

John R. Knight, Chair
Board of Supervisor
County of El Dorado