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To: Shasta County GSA Formation Committee

Re: WSRCD Capacity in Delivering Conservation Services

Dear Shasta County GSA Formation Committee:

There are a number of areas where the Western Shasta Resource Conservation District (WSRCD) may be of assistance in developing and implementing the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for Shasta County.

Next month is the 60th anniversary of WSRCD working in the County, providing residents with over 55 million dollars' worth of conservation services and programs.

Throughout the county the WSRCD has been involved in providing services in: water conservation, irrigated agriculture, soil health, soil erosion, rangeland health, weed abatement, forest health, fisheries, recreational development, habitat conservation, conservation easements, and developing and executing Watershed and Community Wildfire Protection Plans.

Our Directors are appointed by the County Supervisors and we receive strategic direction from our constituents. We are a not-for-profit Special District that charges only the cost of delivering programs and services. Our staff recruitment and training program focuses on hiring and developing locals who have deep ties to the community. Currently we have 26 staff and 4 interns.

We are a neutral entity that does not engage in regulatory actions, advocacy or lobbying. The projects and programs that we develop and deliver are entirely at the request of our constituents. Given our long history in the community we have maintained continuity of programs over the long term, keeping services and decision making local and acting as a buffer

between state and federal entities that may have mandates that conflict with local goals and objectives.

Our project management has included contracts worth over 5 million dollars that provide: grant administration, data gathering, monitoring, planning, construction oversight, contracting, permitting, grant writing, and developing RFQs, RFPs and RFSs.

Specific areas that the WSRCD may help the Shasta County GSA include: project administration, project management, plan development, grant writing, contracting, monitoring, data management and data reporting.

Thank you for your consideration and please do not hesitate to call or email if you have further questions about our capacity and services.

Sincerely,

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