

December 18, 2025

State Water Resources Control Board  
Division of Financial Assistance  
1001 I Street, 15th Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814



**RE: Letter of Support for the “Scotts Creek Sediment Reduction and Habitat Enhancement Planning Project, Phase 1” - State Water Resources Control Board 2026 Nonpoint Source Grant Program**

To Ryan Brown, Central Valley (Region 5) Grant Coordinator:

On behalf of the Blue Ribbon Committee (BRC) for the Rehabilitation of Clear Lake, I am writing to express our strong support for the Lake County Resource Conservation District’s (LCRCD) proposal to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) for funding consideration under the 2026 Nonpoint Source Grant Program. The “Scotts Creek Sediment Reduction and Habitat Enhancement Planning Project, Phase 1” represents an important effort to improve watershed function and aquatic habitat within the Scotts Creek subwatershed of Clear Lake.

This planning project will focus on developing a design plan for sediment reduction and stream restoration actions that address erosion, channel instability, and degraded riparian conditions caused by historic land use and recreation impacts. The plan, once implemented, will help reduce sediment transport to Clear Lake, stabilize stream channels, and enhance spawning habitat for the Clear Lake Hitch.

LCRCD and its partners, including the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Ukiah Field Office, have a proven record of successful collaboration in the watershed. Their prior efforts, including the “Eightmile Valley Sediment Reduction and Habitat Enhancement Project,” achieved measurable reductions in sediment loads and improved aquatic and riparian habitat. This proposed planning phase builds directly on that success, advancing design and permitting for similar restoration measures within the Scotts Creek corridor. The project is well-aligned with SWRCB’s Nonpoint Source Grant Program priorities, including watershed-based planning, sediment and nutrient load reduction, and the protection of beneficial uses in the Clear Lake Basin. The outcomes of this planning effort will provide the technical foundation for future implementation projects that deliver lasting ecological and water quality benefits.

The BRC fully supports this important planning initiative and commends LCRCD’s leadership in advancing watershed restoration in Lake County. At its December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting, the BRC voted unanimously in support of the effort and requested I sign on its behalf. We respectfully encourage the SWRCB to give this proposal full and favorable consideration. A full list of BRC members is available on the next page.

Sincerely,

Eric Sklar  
Chair  
Blue Ribbon Committee for the Rehabilitation of Clear Lake

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