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Russian River Watershed Association 2235 Mercury Way, Suite 105 Santa Rosa, CA 95407

Dear Andy,

Russian Riverkeeper is honored that you have chosen to support us at this challenging time with your generous contribution of \$1500.00 in support of our September cleanups. As protecting public health becomes a central aspect of our lives, we need clean water more than ever.

The Russian River is one of the most critical resources in our region, providing wildlife habitat, clean drinking water, recreational opportunities and a place where people can connect with nature. Seven in ten jobs in our local economy depend on reliable water supplies. It is our mission to work with the community to ensure the river's protection so that it will continue to support the future generations of plants, animals and people.

Over the next year we will:

- Respond to urgent needs in our community. We have come together to respond to fires, flood and the recent public health emergency. We've ramped up our response to Covid-19 in the homeless population living along the river by providing trash pick-up, lunches, and hygienic supplies where needed.
- Defend our rivers, streams, wetlands, and other waterways across the nation from White House rulings that gut Clean Water Act protections. The recent federal rollbacks on pollution regulation has made it more important than ever to protect and advocate for our waterways.
- Expand trash removal efforts through the establishment of our Clean Team program (formerly Clean River Alliance). Trash strangles our river ecosystem, our oceans, and the local economy that depend on them, and keeping it out of our waterways is critical to all that depend on the river's health.
- Restore 360 acres of historical floodplain just west of Windsor, which is critical habitat for juvenile steelhead, Coho and Chinook salmon, and can help ease flooding as we adapt to climate change events and will ultimately create a new river park for the public to enjoy.

We affirm that your charitable contribution was given freely to support Russian Riverkeeper and was not made in exchange for any goods or services. Our tax ID number is 68-0321117. Please keep this letter with your files for IRS reporting.

We look forward to a successful year ahead in our mutual commitment to protect the Russian River.

Sincerely,

Don McEnhill **Executive Director**

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