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SENT VIA: EMAIL

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State Water Resource Control Board  
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SUBJECT: Prop 1 Grant Letter of Support – Storm Water Grant Program -  
Mark West Creek Stormwater Resource Management and Green  
Infrastructure Planning Project

Dear Mr. Badyal:

I write on behalf of the Russian River Watershed Association (RRWA) to express support for the Mark West Creek Stormwater Resource Management and Green Infrastructure Planning Project (Proj. #38 –SWRP).

RRWA formed in 2003 and is a coalition of 11 cities, counties, and agencies within the 1,485 square mile Russian River watershed that work together for clean water, habitat restoration, and watershed enhancement.

The partnership between Sonoma County Permit and Resource Management, Transportation and Public Works (TPW), and the San Francisco Bay Estuary Institute (SFEI) holds promise for significantly reducing pollution caused by the everyday operations in the County and by residents. RRWA is particularly supportive of the opportunity to further the County's efforts to implement monitoring efforts in the Mark West Creek watershed. The planning for an implementation of green infrastructure and other stream enhancement efforts will support the County's implementation of the municipal storm water permit and make meaningful improvements in water quality and aquatic habitat.

Another benefit of the project will be closer collaboration between Permit Resource Management Dept., TPW, SFEI, and the Water Board. Working together in this way, RRWA believes that water quality implementation projects will be more integrated, efficient, and successful. The partnership also gives us confidence that information from the County's green infrastructure planning and water quality monitoring will be used to prioritize future implementation projects.

In closing, RRWA encourages you to select this project for funding so that we can continue to work with these partnerships to improve water quality and green stormwater infrastructure in Sonoma County.

Sincerely,

Andy Rodgers, RRWA Executive Director