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SUBJECT: Support For the Town of Windsor's Esposti Well Treatment and North Windsor Well Installation and Well Treatment Projects

Dear Ms. Looper:

I am writing on behalf of the Russian River Watershed Association (RRWA) to express our strong support for the Town of Windsor's application to construct a new groundwater well and treatment system at an off-river location site in conjunction with installing a water treatment system at the existing Esposti Supply well location, providing the Town with an additional 700 AFY of high-quality groundwater. This significant increment in water resources will undoubtedly enhance the Town's water supply reliability and capacity to withstand drought.

The RRWA has long prioritized efforts that promote the sustainability and resiliency of our region's water resources, particularly in light of the ever-escalating challenges posed by climate change and periodic droughts. Our mission has consistently been to ensure a secure and sustainable water future for all communities within the Russian River Watershed.

The Town's proposed projects align seamlessly with our goals and priorities. By establishing a new source of drinking water and adding to the overall groundwater reserves, these projects not only directly benefit the residents of Windsor but also serve as a sustainable water resource management model for other communities within our watershed.

Moreover, increasing the Town's resilience to drought is crucial for the community and preserving the health and vitality of the entire watershed ecosystem. Every initiative that bolsters a community's drought resiliency contributes to the broader health and sustainability of the Russian River and its surrounding environments.

The RRWA enthusiastically supports the Town of Windsor's efforts to enhance its water infrastructure. Such initiatives are imperative for ensuring our region's long-term water security and resiliency. With your support, Windsor's endeavor can set a commendable precedent for other communities in the Russian River Watershed.

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I appreciate your consideration. We look forward to a positive outcome for the Town of Windsor and Russian River Watershed residents.

Sincerely,

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Andy Rodgers, RRWA Executive Director

cc: RRWA Board of Directors