

March 21, 2024 SENT VIA: EMAIL

Town of Windsor 8400 Windsor Road Windsor, CA 94952

SUBJECT:

Letter of Support for Windsor Water Reclamation Facility

Biosolids Handling Project, Funding Opportunity Number: EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07

I am writing on behalf of the Russian River Watershed Association (RRWA) to express our strong support for the Town of Windsor's (Windsor) grant application to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant program for the "Windsor Water Reclamation Facility Biosolids Handling Project."

This coordinated grant application will directly support the Town of Windsor, the City of Healdsburg, the City of Cloverdale, the City of Santa Rosa, the City of Petaluma, Sonoma Water, and the Lytton Rancheria of California. Grant funding will enable the construction of a local and regional biosolids treatment plant that will transform biosolids currently hauled for limited reuse or disposal into a beneficial reuse product that will stay local. This project is protective of long-term climate resiliency and the adaptive capacity of Sonoma County by aligning multiple communities through a single need – localized biosolids management.

The RRWA is a coalition of ten cities, counties, and special districts in the Russian River watershed that have come together to coordinate regional programs for clean water, habitat restoration, and watershed enhancement, and has long prioritized efforts like this one that promote the sustainability and resiliency of our region's water resources.

The implementation of this Project would resonate far beyond the environmental confines of Sonoma County, setting a precedent for sustainable practices and collaborative efforts in environmental stewardship.

We thank you for your consideration of this grant application and urge you to consider fully funding this project.

Sincerely,

Andy Rodgers, Executive Director
Russian River Watershed Association

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- City of Cotati
- City of Healdsburg
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