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Watershed Coordinator Grant Program Manager
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SUBJECT: 2020 Sustainable Groundwater Management Watershed Coordinator Grant Program

Dear Watershed Coordinator Grant Program Manager:

The Russian River Watershed Association (RRWA) is pleased to support the Sonoma Ecology Center and Sonoma RCD on this Sustainable Groundwater Management Watershed Coordinator Grant program application.

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. RRWA has collaboratively worked with both organizations on regional issues in Sonoma County and are pleased to have their support in outreach to landowners to distribute information and develop projects that benefit the Santa Rosa Plain groundwater subbasin, which is located in the southern portion of the Russian River watershed.

Restoration of upper watershed lands to recharge groundwater basins for future generations is critically important. Sonoma Ecology Center and Sonoma RCD will work with many partner entities to conduct analysis, outreach to landowners, and encourage community interest in stormwater management and groundwater recharge projects. RRWA convenes regular monthly public meetings with our member agency's elected officials and technical staff and welcomes the opportunity to provide Watershed Coordinator updates to meeting attendees.

Thank you for your consideration and encourage you to fund the Sonoma Ecology Center for this Watershed Coordinator grant program.

Sincerely,

Andy Rodgers, RRWA Executive Director

cc: Melanie Bagby, Chair, RRWA Board of Directors