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**Re: Support of the Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Sustainability Agency's Grant Application**

Mr. Eusuff,

The City of Santa Rosa enthusiastically supports the Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Sustainability Agency's (GSA) grant application for the *Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Sustainability Agency Sustainable Groundwater Planning Round 3 Project* submitted to the Department of Water Resources Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant.

The City of Santa Rosa is an urban retail water supplier servicing approximately 175,000 residents and is located within the Santa Rosa Plain Subbasin (Basin), where Santa Rosa's groundwater supply is exclusively derived. The City participated in the formation of the Santa Rosa Plain GSA and is a member agency with a seat on the Board of Directors. Additionally, the City of Santa Rosa Water Department has committed \$90,000 of in-kind funds to help offset the Planning Grant's match requirement.

The Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Basin is designated as medium priority basin number 1-55.01 in California Department of Water Resources Bulletin No. 118. The additional activities this Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Program would fund will result in better monitoring, data management and stakeholder engagement, which are important components of the Basin's Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). The GSP is a critical step toward implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), and will lead to effective management, protection, and enhancement of groundwater resources for all beneficial uses, in a sustainable, environmentally sound, economical, and equitable manner for generations to come.

We recognize and are committed to the importance of sustainably managing our groundwater resources at the local level, and believe this proposal is a necessary step in order to successfully implement SGMA and effectively manage groundwater in the Santa Rosa Plain and across the three Sonoma County basins.

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Mayor

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We give this proposal our fullest support, and highly recommend its sponsorship by the Department of Water Resources. We look forward to hearing of its success.

Sincerely,

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TOM SCHWEDHELM

Mayor

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