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County of San Luis Obispo
Groundwater Sustainability Department
Blaine Reely, Director
1055 Monterey Street, STE D430
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Re: Support for the Paso Basin – County of San Luis Obispo GSA's grant application for the California Department of Conservation Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program Grant Application

Dear Mr. Reely:

The Shandon-San Juan Groundwater Sustainability Agenda (SSJGSA) provides this letter of commitment as a partner and in support of the Paso Basin – County of San Luis Obispo GSA's (County GSA) application for a \$8.89 million block grant from the Department of Conservation Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program to fund the Paso Robles Groundwater Subbasin Multibenefit Irrigated Lands Repurposing (MILR) Program.

The SSJGSA is an important stakeholder in the Paso Robles Subbasin and provides key input and feedback on Groundwater Sustainability Plan implementation activities through the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee (PBCC) which is comprised of the County GSA, City of Paso Robles GSA, San Miguel Community Services District GSA and the Shandon-San Juan Water District GSA. The SSJGSA represents 65 individual landowners comprising more than 100,000 total acres in our portion of the Basin.

The SSJGSA commits to partnering with the County GSA on the MILR Program and will provide funds or in-kind services, as deemed appropriate, to (1) perform outreach, (2) provide education and training to stakeholders (including farmers, ranchers, disadvantaged community members, tribes, and other interested practitioners, as appropriate) for development and implementation of a Multibenefit Agricultural Land Repurposing Plan as part of the MILR program, (3) provide technical review of specific program elements, (4) assist with project development and permitting, (5) assist with implementation of selected projects, and (6) assist with monitoring of selected projects to ensure Program objectives are being met. As a MILR Program partner, the SSJGSA commits to supporting the critical capacity needs of Program partners and collaborators to ensure participation can be sustained and meaningful to meet MILR Program goals.

Thank you for the opportunity to partner in the County GSA's application for the Multibenefit Land Repurposing Grant.

Sincerely,

Willy Cunha, Chairman of the Board of Directors