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California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection  
Attention: Grants Management Unit - Wildfire Prevention Grants  
P.O. Box 944246  
Sacramento, CA 94244-2460

Dear Wildfire Prevention Team,

On behalf of the [Your Organization Name], I am writing to express support for the Yuba County Resource Conservation District (YCRCD) proposal to Cal Fire's Wildfire Prevention Grant Program for the *Yuba County Wildfire Hazard Reduction Program*. YCRCD is the lead applicant for this critical community resilience project, together with the Yuba Watershed Protection and Fire Safe Council (YWPFS) and the Community Wildfire Defense Initiative (a recently established non-profit based in the Oregon House community). YCRCD's objective with this application is to implement Hazard Fuel Reduction for many low-income residents of Dobbins and Oregon House and to engage these communities in wildfire mitigation strategies in response to living within the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) of the Yuba County Foothills. Combined, these strategies will aid in the creation of wildfire protected communities within Dobbins and Oregon House.

We are very pleased to support YCRCD's continued work to reduce wildfire risk and increase community preparedness and resilience in our rural foothill communities. YCRCD currently hosts two Cal Fire funded projects and is an essential collaborative partner in furthering the landscape resilience goals of the region. As an expansion of their current work, this hazardous fuels reduction and community engagement project will build on recent successes that financially and physically support Foothill residents.

This project is designed to contribute significantly to wildfire prevention in the upper Yuba River watershed by reducing fuel loading, wildfire intensity, and rate of spread near residences; improving public safety and home survivability; increasing first responder access and increasing the effectiveness of Cal Fire's wildfire suppression strategies in the Yuba County Foothills. These efforts will support low-income communities in an area classified as Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone.

The [Organization Name] recognizes the significant benefits that will accrue from this project to reduce fire risk and promote the resiliency of the watershed and our communities. We urge Cal Fire to also support this worthwhile effort.

Respectfully,

[Name]

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