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Town of Windsor
8400 Windsor Road
Windsor, CA 94952

Letter of Support: Windsor Water Reclamation Facility Biosolids Handling Project
Funding Opportunity Number: EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07

Submitted via email to: pfuss@Healdsburg.gov;
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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Russian Riverkeeper, I am writing to show support for the Town of Windsor's (Windsor) grant application to the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant program for the "Windsor Water Reclamation Facility Biosolids Handling Project." Russian Riverkeeper is a local nonprofit that has been successfully protecting the Russian River watershed since 1993. Through public education, scientific research and expert advocacy, RRK has actively pursued conservation and protection for the River's mainstem, tributaries and watershed to ensure our waters are fishable, drinkable, and swimmable for all.

This is a coordinated grant application to the US Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant program will directly support the following entities: the Town of Windsor, the City of Healdsburg, the City of Cloverdale, the City of Santa Rosa, Sonoma Water, and the Lytton Rancheria of California.

It is Russian Riverkeeper's understanding that the grant funding will help enable the construction of a local biosolids treatment plant that is supportive of long-term climate resiliency and the adaptive capacity of Sonoma County by aligning multiple communities through a single need—localized biosolids management. A coordinated regional project like the one proposed by Windsor will be used as a model to benefit the immediate locality, but can also be replicated and scaled to other regions.

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 urge you to consider fully funding this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Don McEnhill", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Don McEnhill
Executive Director
Russian Riverkeeper