October 13, 2021

Attn: Jason Kuiken, Forest Supervisor

Stanislaus National Forest, Supervisor's Office

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Sonora, CA 95370

**Subject: Support for the Development of the Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority's Forest Projects Plan on the Calaveras Ranger District**

Dear Jason:

On behalf of the Amador Calaveras Consensus Group (ACCG), this letter is to show the ACCG’s support for the development of the Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority's (UMRWA) Forest Projects Plan (FPP) on Calaveras Ranger District. Support for development of the FPP was shown by ACCG in May of this year by a letter supporting an UMRWA grant proposal to the CAL FIRE Forest Health Program. Unfortunately, this grant proposal was not funded. Therefore, we are seeking additional funding and staffing for the Calaveras RD from you, so they can help with developing the FPP.

The FPP represents another significant step in UMRWA’s partnership with the USFS and ACCG in implementing critical forest health and fuel treatment projects that reduce wildfire risk to protect and restore the health of the Upper Mokelumne River and watershed. Since the Master Stewardship Agreement between UMRWA and the USFS was signed in April 2016, the Pumpkin Hollow, Cabbage, Black Springs and West Calaveras Thin Projects have reduced fire risk and increased forest resilience on more than 4,000 acres of high-risk lands on Calaveras RD.

ACCG supports increasing the pace and scale of forest restoration through our partnerships, and is committed to assist in developing the FPP through collaboration with the USFS and UMRWA.

We would be happy to meet with you to discuss these proposals. Please contact me at (831) 750-7371 or [meganl.chips@gmail.com](mailto:meganl.chips@gmail.com), if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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