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Re: Support for the Madera County Resource Conservation Districts/Natural Resource Priorities

Dear Carlos Suarez,

We recently participated in the Local Work Group hosted by the Madera/Chowchilla, Coarsegold and Columbia Resource Conservation Districts on August 26, 2020. We greatly appreciate the opportunity provided by the RCD's and the NRCS to discuss the challenges we are facing in Madera County, and highlight our natural resource priorities. As you know and understand, the natural resource issues facing us in Madera County are challenging, but we believe working with the RCDs and NRCS we can more effectively address these issues.

Currently to our organization, the most pressing issues are:

- 1) Recharge pond construction
- 2) Cotton wood Creek improvements for conveyance of flood flows
- 3) Advance soils work to identify other viable recharge sites
- 4) Improved monitoring of surface and groundwater resources through flow meters, monitoring wells, and remote sensors (SCADA)

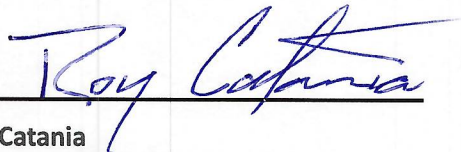
This meeting also provided us an opportunity to hear concerns and ideas from other groups and partners, which allowed us to get a sense of what we are collectively doing in Madera County around natural resource conservation. We understand that NRCS cannot fully fund all of our requests, but we certainly encourage you as the State Conservationist to carefully consider the recommendations put for by this group.

The Resource Conservation Districts in this county are doing a good job in their outreach to partners like ourselves and we fully support their efforts going forward. As many RCD's do not have continuous

funding sources, we encourage the NRCS to provide financial and legislative support to the RCD's in their cooperative partnership, especially in conducting these valuable Local Working Groups.

Please do not hesitate to call us if you have any questions. Thank you for considering Aliso's priorities and our support for the RCDs and the conservation opportunities in Madera County.

Sincerely,

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