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Mr. Joseph Navari
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Dear Mr. Navari:

I am writing on behalf of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors to offer support of the grant proposal submitted by Jacoby Creek Land Trust (JCLT) for the acquisition of 80 acres within the Jacoby Creek Watershed CAPP. This property is continuous with 2500 acres of public land ownership between the City of Arcata and CalPoly Humboldt and its acquisition will reduce the risk of habitat fragmentation in the headwaters of Jacoby Creek. Fee acquisition will expand the existing Jacoby Creek watershed conservation area, and protect significant scenic, recreational, timber, riparian, fish and wildlife, cultural, carbon sequestration, and environmental values.

The project will serve to expand a successful conservation strategy in this watershed that has great importance for salmonids and other aquatic and terrestrial wildlife. The acquisition within the Jacoby Creek Watershed CAPP will allow for working forest management of the property consistent with the adjacent uneven age management employed by the City of Arcata within the Jacoby Creek Community Forest. Protection of this land is especially important as it includes documented habitat used by northern spotted owls.

This project addresses the goals of Humboldt County, the Wildlife Conservation Board, and the Jacoby Creek Land Trust, by protecting productive forest, fish, and wildlife habitat in perpetuity and by promoting habitat conditions that favor redwood forests and California's diverse native forests. Acquisition of this property by JCLT will promote and protect the ecological integrity and economic stability of the property by adding it to a successful community-owned working forest that emphasizes "ecological principles" enhancing the integrity of the watersheds, wildlife, fisheries, and plant resources while producing an opportunity for recreational activities.

Humboldt County values conservation and community. By working together with the City of Arcata and Cal Poly Humboldt to implement the Jacoby Creek CAPP, this project will serve to expand a successful conservation strategy in this watershed that has great importance for salmonids and other aquatic and terrestrial wildlife, the non-human members of the community that depend on us to protect the special place that we all call home.

Sincerely,

Rex Bohn, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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