



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
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The Honorable Alex Padilla  
United States Senator  
112 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington DC, 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senator  
331 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Doug LaMalfa  
408 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

**Re: Letter of Support for Golden State Natural Resources' Community Project Funding and Congressional Directed Spending Requests**

Dear Senator Padilla, Senator Feinstein, and Congressman LaMalfa:

I am writing on behalf of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors to express our support for the Community Project Funding and Congressional Directed Spending requests submitted by Golden State Natural Resources (GSR).

GSR is a nonprofit 501(c)(3), tax-exempt, forest resiliency company created in 2018 for the purposes of working to achieve forest resiliency and restoration on a large scale. GSR includes dedicated partnerships of committed public and private entities with related expertise and resources as part of the solution in achieving forest resiliency. The GSR project is committed to the vision of environmental stewardship and economic stability for our forests, watersheds, wildlife, communities, and residents. To that end GSR, through its affiliate entity, Golden State Finance Authority, secured a Master Stewardship Agreement with the USFS covering 18 national forests in California.

In addition to forest restoration, watershed enhancement, and numerous environmental benefits, this opportunity will help to revitalize the wood products industry in California resulting in investment and employment in rural communities and overall economic gain for California as biomass-related goods are exported abroad.

GSNR is seeking federal assistance to help fund the development of two industrial wood pellet production facilities. Construction and operation of these facilities will create and support local and regional jobs & economies via forest treatment and pellet production. The pellets will be transported by rail to a port for export to international markets. This initiative is critical to healthy forests and rural economic revitalization.

Thank you for your consideration of these requests and your leadership as champions for California.

Sincerely,

Virginia Bass, Chair  
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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