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Charlton "Chuck" Bonham, Chairman  
Wildlife Conservation Board  
1700 9<sup>th</sup> Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95811

Dear Chairman Bonham,

The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors is pleased to provide this letter of support to the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts' (CARCD) and their partner, the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District's (HCRCD) application for the Wildlife Conservation Board's Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program. We believe that Conservation Carbon Farm Plans (CCFPs) are crucial for Humboldt County producers and for the State's natural and working landscapes in the face of intensifying climate change.

CCFPs identify management practices that can enhance carbon sequestration in plants and soils, which can benefit other ecosystem attributes, such as improving soil water infiltration and water-holding capacities, and improve habitat biodiversity with practices such as pollinator hedgerows and riparian plantings. CCFPs provide a holistic management plan for producers to implement when funding and timing allow. The HCRCD has been actively engaging with producers in our area to understand the benefits of creating biodiverse, resilient, and climate beneficial landscapes. As a result of this outreach, CCFPs are of interest to producers in our county and will help address greenhouse gas emissions and climate change goals identified in our Humboldt County General Plan adopted October 23, 2017. The CCFP planning process is broadly conceptual rather than prescriptive, and we value the iterative dialogue that HCRCD leads with our local producers. These productive conversations encourage continuing outreach to farmers and ranchers and foster ongoing innovation and novel approaches to project implementation.

The HCRCD has a long history of working successfully with dairy farmers and beef cattle ranchers in our county and we appreciate that they continue engaging within our community to decrease vulnerabilities from the effects of climate change.

The Board of Supervisors strongly supports the CARCD and HCRCD's application to the Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program to develop CCFPs with our local producers. This project will be successful in helping producers create enduring benefits on natural and working landscapes.

Sincerely,

Ryan Sundberg, Chairperson  
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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