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Wildlife Conservation Board  
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To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this letter is to express the Sacramento Area Council of Governments' support for the Sutter Buttes Regional Land Trust's Wildlife Conservation Board grant proposal for the Magoon & Gill Ranch Conservation Easements. This grant request supports the vision for the Greater Sacramento Region as outlined in our Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS). The MTP/SCS lays out a 20-year strategy for supporting the economy and people of the Greater Sacramento Area through a transportation investment and land use strategy to improve our air quality, preserve open space and natural resources, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change.

Sutter Buttes Regional Land Trust, as an accredited land trust, is prepared to engage in transactions that are both consistent with its conservation goals and work to protect agriculture and habitat in Yuba and Sutter counties. The proposed project would permanently protect up to 1,435.8 acres of agricultural wetlands (rice lands) in the Sacramento Valley from development or conversion to permanent crops and keep them in wildlife-friendly agriculture or habitat in perpetuity.

The Sutter Buttes Regional Land Trust is well-suited to conduct this work. We are familiar with their efforts to preserve land in Yuba and Sutter County; most recently with their involvement in the Department of Conservation- Strategic Agricultural Land Conservation Program. Their staff have experience working in the field of land conservation for over 15 years and are well-acquainted with the local landscape and landowners. They are also active participants in SACOG's Coordinated Rural Opportunities Plan.

Thank you for considering this request from the Sutter Buttes Regional Land Trust.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Clint Holtzen", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

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