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Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program
Department of Conservation and the
Governor's Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Wildfire Resiliency and Recovery Planning Grant Review Committee,

The Blue Ribbon Committee (Committee) for the Rehabilitation of Clear Lake is writing in support of the County of Lake Water Resources Department receiving a Wildfire Resiliency and Recovery Planning Grant funded by Proposition 84. These grant funds are well-suited to provide for the much-needed updates to the Lake County Storm Water Management Plan and relevant storm water ordinances. The updated plan will guide improved storm water infrastructure and programs to include climate adaptation strategies and will meet today's wildfire resiliency requirements.

The Committee, directed by Assembly Bill 707 (*Aguiar-Curry, Ch. 842, 2017*) has been given the important charge of making recommendations for rehabilitating Clear Lake, which is critical to Lake County's economy, ecosystem, and heritage. The Committee has identified non-point storm water pollution has a significant impact on the water quality of Clear Lake and that storm water-related projects and programs are an avenue for improvement. The impact of wildfire on water quality, with the storm water system as the conduit conveying post-fire pollutants and contaminants into the lake, is a significant focus of a \$2 million research program being executed by the UC Davis Tahoe Environmental Research Center. The storm water system infrastructure surrounding Clear Lake provides a direct connection between burned areas and the lake, and an updated storm water management plan would also maximize the impact of broader Committee efforts.

The Committee supports Lake County Water Resources seeking funding under the Wildfire Resiliency and Recovery Planning Grants to improve the local capacity to incorporate climate adaptation and resilience into their water management. We appreciate your consideration and approval of the submitted grant application for the development of an updated storm water plan and relevant ordinances.

Thank you,