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Mr. Grant Davis, General Manager Sonoma Water
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Santa Rosa, CA 95403

SUBJECT: Support to Sonoma Water Q/Z mussel prevention and inspection efforts at Lake Mendocino

Dear Mr. Davis:

Preventing the introduction of quagga and zebra mussels into Lake Mendocino and Lake Sonoma is critical to protecting our local environment, water supply infrastructure and economy. On behalf of the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors, I am pleased to report that our Board supports the Sonoma County Water Agency's (Sonoma Water) grant application for funds to increase watercraft inspections at Lake Mendocino. These much needed funds will help support our fight against mussel infestation at Lake Mendocino.

In 2018, our mussel inspection program prevented a boat covered in quagga mussels from entering Lake Mendocino. Without the proactive efforts of our local governments, we could have had another mussel infested waterway added to the already growing list of California water bodies devastated by the invasive Dreissenid mussels.

For these reasons, the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors supports Sonoma Water's grant application. We respectfully ask for the approval of Sonoma Water's mussel prevention-funding request so we can increase our prevention efforts and help our region stay mussel-free.

Maureen Mulheren, Chair
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

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