STATIONARY Mendocino County Supervisors

May 19, 2020

Ms. Sandra Perez and Mr. Dale Roberts Co-Chairs - NCRP Technical Peer Review Committee PO Box 262 Healdsburg, CA 95448

RE: Support for Eel River Recovery Project Tenmile Creek Watershed Forest Health Pilot Project Proposal to the North Coast Resource Partnership Demonstration Project Fund

Dear Ms. Perez and Mr. Roberts,

The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors would like to support the Eel River Recovery Project's (ERRP) Tenmile Creek Watershed Forest Health Pilot Project proposal to the North Coast Resource Partnership. Recent fires have pointed out the need to improve forest health in Mendocino County and this proposal would create tools for accelerating implementation. An exciting aspect of this proposal is that it assists the community with organizing a forest health labor force so that local residents can play a role as living-wage contractors assisting with implementation.

When forest health is implemented, benefits derived will be reduction of risk of catastrophic fire, improved water supply and water security, flourishing biodiversity, increased Pacific salmon populations, and the ability of the community to better respond to challenges related to climate change.

We hope the ERRP proposal is funded to help accelerate the implementation of forest health in northern Mendocino County and on the North Coast. This project is in Supervisor John Haschak's District, and he would be happy to answer questions about our support, should you have any (707 972-4214).

Sincerely,

John Haschak

John Haschak Chair, Mendocino County Board of Supervisors