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RE: Letter of Support for County of Mendocino Trash Capture Devices

To whom it may concern:

The County of Mendocino (County) submits this letter in support of the State Water Resources Control Board Storm Water Grant Program application submitted by the City of Fort Bragg for the installation of trash capture devices in and around Fort Bragg, California. The County of Mendocino maintains a network of storm drain systems just outside the Fort Bragg City limits, will be undertaking a similar project over the same timeframe, and is also applying for Stormwater Grant Program funding to complete the project. The County has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Fort Bragg to coordinate these activities, and the receipt of grant funding by both entities will allow for a high level of collaboration and coordination.

Though not to the extent of the City of Fort Bragg, the County of Mendocino also sees significant economic benefits for coastal residents and visitors. The preservation of our waterways and beaches is paramount to maintaining these benefits. The installation of full capture system trash capture devices in and around Fort Bragg has several benefits which will provide direct benefits to the County, including increased water quality, improved public recreation areas, and increased economic benefits. Diverting trash from local waterways is critical to protecting the resources that make our region unique and will provide benefits to residents, visitors, and the local environment.

Sincerely,

John Haschak, Chair Mendocino County Board of Supervisors