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Chair Felicia Marcus and Board
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 10
Sacramento, CA 95812-0100

Re: Resolution to modify Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) financing for Crescent City Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project; CWSRF Project No. C-06-4699-110; Financing Agreement No. 07-812-550

Dear Felicia Marcus and Board:

I am writing in support of Crescent City's request to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to modify the existing CWSRF loan agreement.

The proposed modification allows a practical compromise involving repayment of the City's financial obligation to the loan, while reducing the burden on ratepayers. This is an excellent approach and we commend staff for the City and the SWRCB for developing it.

Crescent City and Del Norte County are remarkable for the natural resources here including beautiful beaches, Redwood National and State Parks and over 300 miles of National Wild and Scenic Rivers designated within the Smith River National Recreation Area. Indeed, travel and tourism is the single largest component of our economy. However, our small resident population has a very low (about \$30k) median household income.

Thank you for your consideration and approval of the proposed loan modification. It will ensure that the future of our community is prosperous and it will enable repayment on the subject loan.

With appreciation,

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