LCS APPLICATION FOR RICHARD AND NANCY BARNES

Attached is our proposed plan for achieving a 30+ % reduction in pumped groundwater for the 2022 irrigation season. Key elements of the plan include the following:

- 1. Plowed up 66 acres of irrigated pasture in Fields 7 and 8 (see map) and planted grain for hay which will mature in June, be irrigated by early surface water and require no summer pumped groundwater.
- Fallow about 120 acres of 181 acres of surface irrigated pasture on the eastside property on July 1 which will proportionately eliminate the need for supplemental pumped groundwater for July through October.
- 3. Cease pumping supplemental groundwater for the remaining 60 acres by October 1.
- 4. Cease pumping by Sept. 10 to 15 for Fields 6, 9, 10, 11, and 12 to reduce groundwater extraction. This will result in the costly elimination of late-season pasture growth and a later cutting of alfalfa hay.

It should be noted that all the subject land lies above and outside the interconnected groundwater basin as delineated in the 1980 Superior Court decree 30662, and that early-season surface water applications contribute a great deal to recharge and saturate the groundwater substratum of this land and downstream lands.

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EXTERNAL:

Applicant Richard Barnes affirms that no surface water will be used to replace the proposed ground water savings plan. Typically, more expensive ground water is only used to supplant the cessation of surface water around July 1, so it would not be possible to substitute surface water for ground water even if one wished to do so.



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Binding Agreement

Contractor Contact Information:

| Contractor Contact Info | |
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| Business: | Siskiyou RCD |
| Contact Person: | Chris Voigt |
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Landowner Contact Information:

| Business: | | - |
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| Contact Person: | Rick Barnes | |
| Address: | | |
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Background

Under the 2021 drought emergency regulation instated by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) that established drought emergency minimum flows in the Scott River, a Local Cooperative Solution (LCS) may be proposed by individuals or groups to submit by petition to the Deputy Director of the SWRCB as an alternative means of reducing water use to meet or preserve drought emergency minimum flows and provide fishery benefits, in lieu of curtailment. This binding agreement between the (Landowner) and Siskiyou Resource Conservation District (SRCD) will monitor the SRWCB approved LCS to achieve 1) a net reduction of water use of 30 percent throughout the irrigation season; and 2) a monthly reduction of at least 30 percent in the July through October 31 period, as compared to 2020.



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Recitals

1. Section 875(f)(4)(D) of the drought emergency regulation provides a specific type of LCS that was determined to be sufficient for approval by the Deputy Director;

2. For overlying or adjudicated groundwater diversions for irrigated agriculture described in sections 875.5(f)(4)(D)(i)-(iii) [Scott River], the Deputy Director may approve a groundwater-basin-wide, groundwater sub-basin-wide, or any number of individual local cooperative solutions totaling at least 400 acres where:

- i. The proposal is based on a binding agreement. "Such binding agreement may be made with a coordinating entity with the expertise and ability to evaluate and require performance of the agreement, for example with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), the National Marine Fisheries Service, the Scott Valley and Shasta Valley Watermaster District, a non-profit organization with expertise and experience in water-saving transactions or similarly qualified entity."
- ii. For the Scott River: "The proposal provides at least: 1) a net reduction in water use of 30 percent throughout the irrigation season (April 1-October 31), as compared to the prior irrigation season; and 2) a monthly reduction of at least 30% in the July 1 through October 31 period, as compared to the prior year or 2020. Such reduction may be demonstrated by evidence that provides a reasonable assurance that the change in farming practice or other action results in at least the relevant proportionate reduction. Such evidence may include but is not limited to: pumping reports; actions that will be taken to reduce water use; estimation of water saved from conservation measures or changes in irrigation or planting decisions; and electric bills."

Proposed Local Cooperative Solution: (Specific action plan to be completed by landowner, see attached LCS application form)



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Binding Agreement Terms

The Landowner is required to adhere to the LCS, as approved by SWRCB. The Landowner has requested that SRCD serve as the coordinating entity. As such, both parties agree to the following:

- For the duration of this binding agreement where SRCD is the coordinating entity, the
 Landowner shall give SRCD the right to reasonably access the included parcels for the
 limited propose of verifying execution of the LCS. Any individual not directly employed
 or contracted by SRCD shall provide pre-notification to, and shall obtain approval by the
 Landowner before accessing the property,
- SRCD will strive to notify the Landowner a day in advance of visiting the parcels and shall provide the Landowner or designee the ability to participate in monitoring activities,
- It is anticipated that SRCD representatives will visit the property approximately twice per month to monitor the approved LCS, unless inadequacies are discovered, in which case additional field visits will occur until inadequacies are rectified. A monitoring inspection may include verification of any or all of the actions described in the conservation plan and may include inspection checklist/notes/reports and photo verification,
- SRCD will submit the information regarding the verification materials and actions
 described in this agreement, and conservation plan incorporated by reference, to the State
 Water Board upon request, for the purposes of verifying compliance with the LCS,
- This binding agreement is not intended to preclude, harm, or otherwise interfere with the landowner's ability to secure any funding to mitigate the financial impacts imposed by the emergency regulation or proposed conservation practices. SRCD supports the use of funding programs to ameliorate the costs of implementing the conservation practices described in the proposed conservation plan: planning and cooperation under a voluntary LCS should not undermine the ability to receive such funding,
- This binding agreement may be terminated by either party at any time. Both parties agree to take reasonable measures to resolve any concerns related to the performance of the LCS, negative interpersonal interaction, or any unforeseen circumstance prior to invoking termination,
- As the irrigation season unfolds, there may be reason to change the terms of the LCS or this binding agreement with respect to its implementation and verification. Any such changes to the LCS or service agreement will need to be agreed upon by the Landowner



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and SRWCB. If a Landowner requests SRCD assistance with an updated LCS, the SRCD and Landowner will enter into a new Binding Agreement and,

Payment

In consideration for the services to be performed by SRCD, the Landowner agrees to pay SRCD at the rate of \$75.00 per hour for initial consultation and \$75.00 per hour for all services rendered after signing of the binding agreement.

Expenses

The Landowner will reimburse SRCD for expenses that are attributable directly to work performed under this Agreement. Any expenses incurred will be approved by the Landowner beforehand. SRCD will submit an itemized statement of Contractor's expenses attached with invoicing.

Terms of Payment

Upon completion of SRCD services under this binding agreement, the SRCD will submit an invoice. The Landowner will pay SRCD the compensation described within 30 days of receiving SRCD's invoice.

Term of Agreement

This agreement will become effective when signed by both parties and will terminate on:

- November 1, 2022, or
- The date a party terminates the binding agreement.
- Monitoring information will be collected by the SRCD and shared with State Water Board as a field report in accordance with their reporting schedule or upon request
- SRCD is not authorized to and will not distribute data or other information regarding work done under this contract to any third party without previous written approval by the Landowner
- Landowner agrees that water saved under the LCS will not be transferred to
 parcels not included under the LCS, and Landowner will not knowingly or
 intentionally otherwise take actions outside of the LCS that diminish, in any
 material way, the overall thirty percent reduction establish by the actions
 described ion the LSC

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Signatures

SRCD Representative

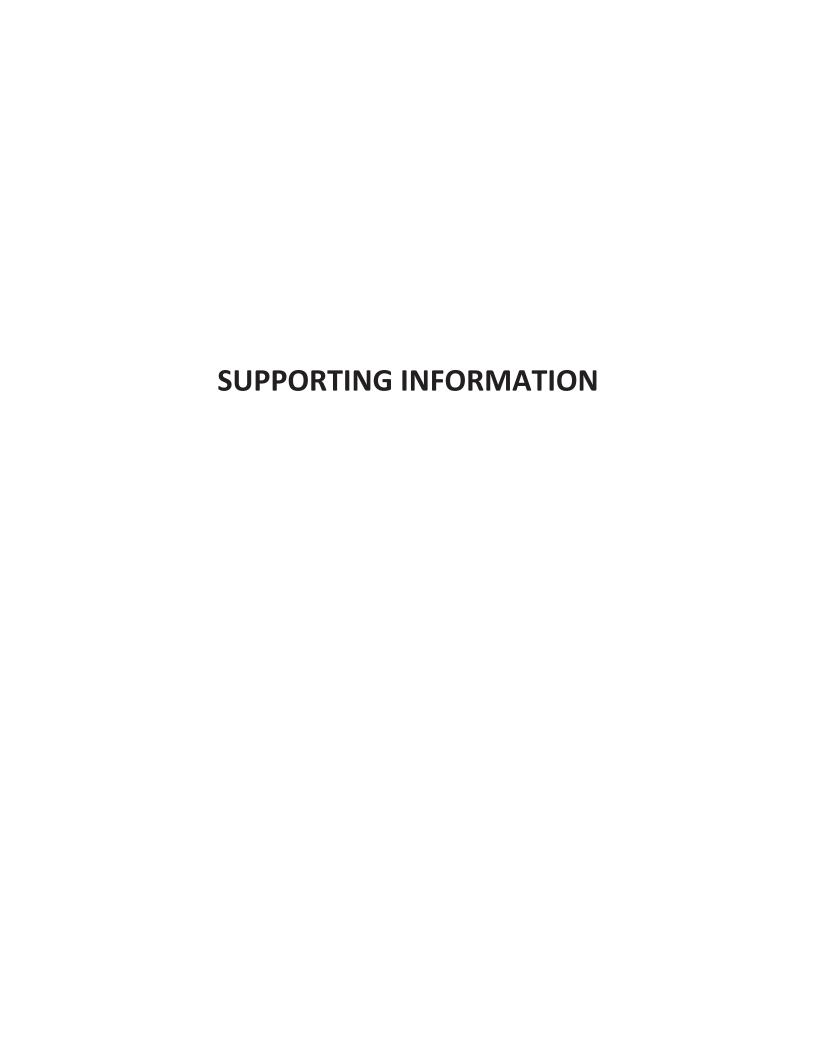
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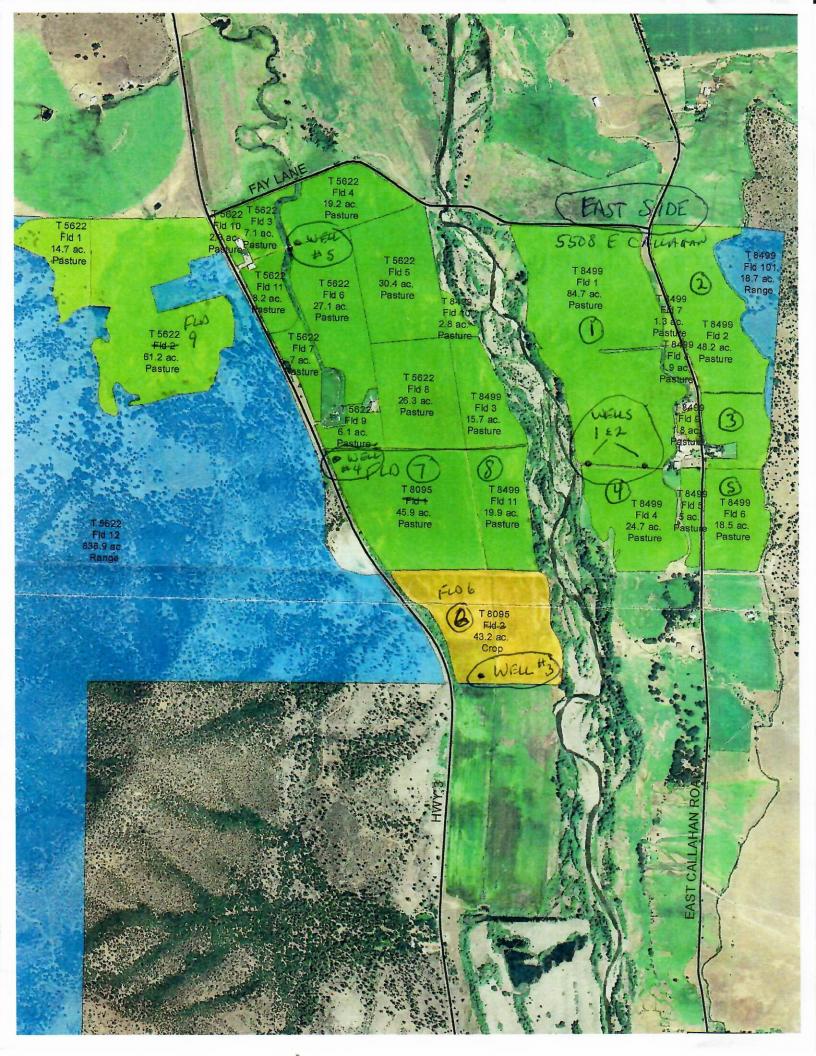
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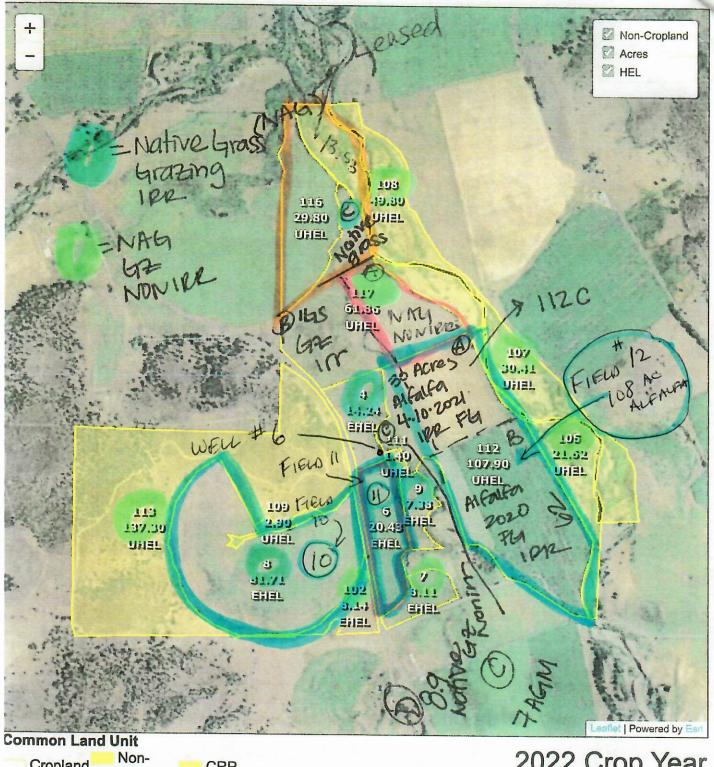
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CRP

2022 Crop Year

Farm 3215 Tract 9170

Wetland Determination Identifiers

Restricted Use

Limited Restrictions

Exempt from Conservation Compliance Provisions

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Richard G. & Nancy J. Barnes Schedule of Usage from Wells 2021 & 2022

Eastside Wells 1 & 2 (Intertied)

Usage in acre-feet

| Field | Acre- age | Action | Apr 21 | Apr 22 | May 21 | May 22 | Jun 21 | Jun 22 | Jul 21 | Jul 22 | Aug 21 | Aug 22 | Sept 21 | Sept 22 | Oct 21 | Oct 22 |
|--------|--------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | 85 | Fallow Jul 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 37 | 0 | 29 | 0 | 29 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | 35 | Fallow Jul 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 | 13 | Stop Oct 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 9 | 7 | 9 | 7 | 9 | 2 | 0 |
| 4 | 30 | Stop Oct 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 20 | 15 | 20 | 14 | 20 | 5 | 0 |
| 5 | 18 | Stop Oct 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 12 | 8 | 12 | 8 | 12 | 3 | 0 |
| Totals | 181 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 94 | 41 | 71 | 41 | 71 | 41 | 10 | 0 |

Note: All fields surface irrigated through July 1.

Pasture to be fallowed July 1 = 120 acres

Fields 1 & 2 – 1/3 sub irrigated – 1/3 reduced allocation

APN 023-171-270 & 023-171-280

0.66 AF per acre per month

Fields 3, 4, and 5 will be irrigated more in 2022 than in 2021 because Fields 1 and 2 were not irrigated with groundwater

Westside Wells

Usage in acre-feet

| Field | Well | Acre -age | Action | Apr 21 | Apr 22 | May 21 | May 22 | Ju n 21 | Jun 22 | Jul 21 | Jul 22 | Aug 21 | Aug 22 | Sept 21 | Sept 22 | Oct 21 | Oct 22 |
|--------|------|--------------|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | 3 | 43 | Stop Sept 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| 7,8 | 4 | 66 | Pasture plowed, grain planted | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 33 | 0 | 33 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 9 | 5 | 50 | Pivot down Apr, May 22 Stop Sept 15 | 20 | 10 | 30 | 10 | 20 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 20 | 20 | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| 10 | 6 | 92 | Pivot down, stop Sept 15 | 20 | 15 | 40 | 30 | 50 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 20 | 20 | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| 11 | 6 | 20 | Stop Sept 15 | 10 | 5 | 10 | 5 | 10 | 20 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| 12 | 6 | 108 | Stop Sept 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 10 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | | 379 | | 50 | 30 | 80 | 55 | 90 | 105 | 143 | 110 | 133 | 90 | 60 | 40 | 0 | 0 |

Note: Field 6 surface irrigated through May 31. Field 7 &8 surface irrigated through June 30. Field 12 surface irrigated through June 30.

0.5 AF per acre per month

Fields 9 and 10 had pivots offline for portions of Spring months in 2022

Field 6: APN 023-171-460,

Field 7: APN 023-171-430,

Field 8: APN 023-171-270, (Partial)

Field 9: APN 023-171-220

Field 10: APN 023-171-100, & 023-171-110 Field 11: APN 023-171-110 & 023-171-120

Field 12: APN 023-171-130, 0023-550-170, 23-560-070 & 023-540-070

Westside & Eastside totals

Usage in acre-feet

| Field | Acre -age | Apr 21 | Apr 22 | May 21 | May 22 | Jun 21 | Jun 22 | Jul 21 | Jul 22 | Aug 21 | Aug 22 | Sept 21 | Sept 22 | Oct 21 | Oct 22 |
|------------------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------------|------------|--------|------------|
| Total Eastside | 181 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 94 | 41 | 71 | 41 | 71 | 41 | 10 | 0 |
| Total Westside | 379 | 50 | 30 | 80 | 55 | 90 | 105 | 143 | 110 | 133 | 90 | 60 | 40 | 0 | 0 |
| Grand total | 560 | 50 | 30 | 80 | 55 | 90 | 105 | 237 | 151 | 204 | 131 | 131 | 81 | 10 | 0 |
| Change – 2021- 2022 | | | -40% | | -31% | | +17% | | - 36% | | -36% | | -38% | | - 100 % |

Total pump usage in 2021 was 802 acre-feet. Projected pump usage in 2022 is 553 acre-feet. Reduction in usage year to year is 31%.