



Humboldt County Resource Conservation District

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Ms. Virginia Bass, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors
County of Humboldt
825 Fifth Street
Eureka, CA 95501

RE: Letter of Support for the Appointment of Jim Cotton to the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District Board of Directors

Dear Chairperson Bass and Honorable Members of the Board:

The Humboldt County Resource Conservation District (HCRCD) is a special district established under Division 9 of the California Public Resources Code. Resource Conservation Districts are established for the purpose of meeting the needs of land users for the conservation of soil, water, and related resources. The directors of the HCRCD are appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

This letter, written by action of the Board of Directors of the HCRCD, is to convey the Board's full support for the nomination and appointment of Jim Cotton to fill a vacancy on the HCRCD Board due to death of Director Gary Belli. Director Belli's 4-year term spanned November 2018 to 2022, and his seat has been vacant since his untimely passing in late 2021.

An application for Board membership and a short resume from Mr. Cotton was submitted to the Clerk of the Board in November 2022. Mr. Cotton meets the qualifications to serve as an HCRCD director and has a strong history of record of leadership in the County, including serving as a Director for both the Willow Creek Fire Safe Council and Lower Trinity River Prescribed Burn Association.

We encourage your favorable consideration of Mr. Cotton's nomination and look forward to having him serve on the HCRCD Board. If you wish additional information regarding Mr. Cotton's qualifications, we would be happy to provide that to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jill Demers".

Jill Demers, Executive Director
Humboldt County Resource Conservation District