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Chair Nai Hsueh
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Dear Chair Hsueh:

As President of the Guadalupe-Coyote Resource Conservation District (GCRCD), I write to request a meeting for GCRCD Executive Director Stephanie Moreno and myself with you and Valley Water CEO Rick Callender to discuss potential opportunities for collaboration between our agencies. This letter follows a telephone conversation Ms. Moreno had with Mr. Callender last week during which he asked that the request to meet be made in writing.

Our two special districts have different, but complementary missions that include engaging in environmental stewardship. I would like to establish a regular dialogue that would allow us to coordinate and identify opportunities for collaboration on stewardship projects that will provide mutual benefits to our constituencies. I suggest the following specific topics for our first meeting:

- Discussion of collaborative projects that would serve as visible examples of our agencies' joint commitment to natural resource conservation, such as building osprey nesting platforms, commissioning an elk habitat suitability study, re-oaking, and coordinating public outreach to agricultural producers.
- Review of GCRCD's recent research projects, such as the hydroperiod water balance model for adapting to climate change (funded by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency) and the aDNA study of Mission San Jose archeological remains of anadromous fish (a joint effort by GCRCD, Santa Clara University and the University of Oklahoma).
- Setting of joint expectations for our ongoing working relationship and future collaborative and cooperative ventures.

Thank you for your consideration of my request. I look forward to your reply and to beginning a new era of collaboration between our agencies.

Sincerely,

Richard Lanman, M.D.
GCRCD Board President

Cc: Rick Callender, Valley Water CEO
Stephanie Moreno, GCRCD Executive Director