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P. O. Box 365, Maxwell, California 95955

Mr. Steve Lucas
Butte County Local Agency Formation Commission
1453 Downer Street, Suite C
Oroville, California 95965

Dear Mr. Lucas:

Family Water Alliance, Inc.(FWA), is writing to extend their full support of the formation of the proposed Tuscan Water District in the Vina Sub-Basin of Butte County.

FWA is a non profit 501c3, that works to educate people about the importance of family farms, to protect private property and water rights. For three decades FWA has been at the forefront of the protection of family farms.

The proposed Tuscan Water District will fill a void – there is no basin-wide water district in the Vina and a portion of the Butte sub-basins with the ability to plan for and implement programs to help the sub-basin achieve sustainability. Butte County has historically stated that it will not form any type of County agency with the power to deliver and recharge water within the proposed Tuscan Water District service area. Furthermore, the other basin-wide agency, the Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency, has as its primary purpose the development and adoption of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan by 2022 to comply with the Sustainability Groundwater Management Act.

When SGMA was signed into law, Governor Brown stated that "groundwater management in California is best accomplished locally." The Tuscan Water District will ensure that we are able to do just that by providing an organized, representative body that can effectively manage our precious groundwater resource and participate in the decision-making process for Butte County's groundwater future.

The formation of the Tuscan Water District will preserve and protect our water and ensure that rural lifestyles and generations of the local farmers will continue.

We appreciate your consideration and would respectfully request that you process this application as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Johannes B. Lauwerijssen". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Johannes Lauwerijssen
President, Family Water Alliance