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Dear Mr. Weeks:

The Combat Support Training Center (CSTC) - Fort Hunter Liggett expresses support for the Nacimiento and San Antonio River Integrated Watershed Management Plan Consolidated Grant Application, number 9069 to the State Water Resources Control Board, submitted by the Monterey County Water Resources Agency (MCWRA). The development of an Integrated Watershed Management Plan for these source sub watersheds will develop an integrated solution to water resource management issues that affect an extensive constituency in Monterey and San Luis Obispo counties. It is also an important subset of the integrated regional water resource planning being initiated by MCWRA at larger scales, including the Salinas Valley, Salinas River watershed, and Greater Monterey Bay Region.

Granting this award will allow development of a Plan that will focus on the environmental and economic well being of the watersheds through stewardship. The Plan will direct strategic and comprehensive management of watershed natural resources in a practical, cost effective and responsible manner. The Plan will also provide protection and improvement of water quality for beneficial uses consistent with regional community interests.

The process of developing the Nacimiento and San Antonio River Integrated Watershed Management Plan will foster a closer working relationship between local, state and federal agencies which are major landholders as well as public and private stakeholders interested in management of these watershed lands.

As a major landholder in these watersheds, the CSTC-Fort Hunter Liggett is interested in the management planning of these watersheds, as plans and actions of watershed landholders and stakeholders may impact the CSTC military mission. The CSTC is supporting this grant application by pledging approximately \$133,000 of in-kind matching staff time and applicable natural resource data and information to assist with the development of the Plan.

We encourage the State Water Resources Control Board to favorably consider this application for the Proposition 40, Integrated Watershed Management Program. The development of this plan, with the partnership of multiple organizations, will merge various strategies and develop effective solutions for water resources management and water quality programs, natural resource enhancement and other measures common to the region. As an interested party and a potential beneficiary we support this collaborative effort that will ultimately preserve and protect water quality in important agricultural and urban source waters of Monterey and San Luis Obispo Counties.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "W. Scott Wood". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "W" and "S".

W. Scott Wood
Colonel, U.S. Army
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Enclosure

Fort Hunter Liggett Ongoing Planning Projects for In-kind Contributions to Monterey County Water Resources Agency Grant application to Project PIN# 9069 - Nacimiento and San Antonio River Integrated Watershed Management Plans

In-kind Planning Projects (1-4-2006 to 9-30-2008)	Estimated Hours	Cost per Hour	Estimated Cost
Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan Updates and Annual Reports	300	\$40.00	\$12,000.00
Endangered species management planning	500	\$40.00	\$20,000.00
GIS software upgrade			\$11,000.00
NEPA Environmental Review project planning	2000	\$40.00	\$80,000.00
Project PIN# 9065 Plan Development	250	\$40.00	\$10,000.00
Total Estimated Inkind Contribution			\$133,000.00