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CLIMATE CRISIS, RESOURCES,
ENERGY, AND TRANSPORTATION

March 31, 2026

Mark Bramfitt, Executive Officer
Sonoma Local Area Formation Commission
111 Santa Rosa Ave, Suite 240
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Dear Executive Officer Bramfitt:

I am writing to express my support for the efforts of the Russian River Property Owners Association (RRPOA) to form the Alexander Valley Water District to serve agricultural landowners and water users in the unincorporated areas of Alexander Valley. As you may know, these residents and businesses lack a dedicated public agency representation focused solely on local water supply reliability.

Alexander Valley faces significant water supply uncertainty due to potential reductions in historic summer flows in the Russian River associated with changes to the Potter Valley Project. Establishing a locally governed District would provide a transparent and accountable structure to proactively address these challenges.

The proposed District would be governed by a board comprised of property owners within the unincorporated areas of Alexander Valley and could serve several important purposes, including but not limited:

- Coordinating with other Alexander Valley and Russian River entities to plan for long-term water reliability and security;
- Participating in regional solutions such as the Eel-Russian Project Authority or similar coalitions focused on water reliability;
- Developing revenue mechanisms to support water supply projects, including the potential purchase of imported water;
- Serving as or partnering with a Groundwater Sustainability Agency, as appropriate;
- Improving understanding of surface water–groundwater interactions, water use patterns, and habitat needs;
- Investing in infrastructure that expands and conserves supply through local storage, groundwater recharge, recycled water, and conservation measures; and
- Participating in river function and habitat restoration efforts.
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Importantly, the District would work collaboratively with other water users and stakeholders in Alexander Valley and the broader region, including Sonoma County, the cities of Healdsburg and Cloverdale, the Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians, Lytton Rancheria, Russian

River Utility, and California American Water Company to protect and sustain local water resources.

I do want to express my agreement with many of the points outlined in the Russian Riverkeeper's letter of support for this application. The public and key stakeholders must have faith and trust in this process of establishing a new district. I support the concepts raised by Russian Riverkeeper surrounding real-time data reporting and accounting of water use and governance structure of the proposed Board of Directors.

Thank you for your consideration of RRPOA's application. Please feel free to contact my office at 707-576-2526 if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Rogers". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

CHRIS ROGERS
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Mendocino County

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May 1, 2026

Sonoma County Local Agency Formation Commission
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Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Dear Commissioners,

The Mendocino County Russian River Flood Control and Water Conservation Improvement District (RRFC) supports the formation of the Alexander Valley Water District.

RRFC has coordinated with the Russian River Property Owners Association for years, specifically on drought response and planning issues. The formation of the Alexander Valley Water District would increase the positive impacts of this continuing work, as well as what lies ahead with the changing conditions in the Russian River watershed.

As it stands, there is a large gap of representation in key conversations and decision making. While Sonoma County Supervisors and Sonoma Water have represented the property owners to the best of their ability, the Alexander Valley Water District would provide a more direct representation in key areas such as the Potter Valley Project decommissioning, water rights issues, water supply challenges, and funding acquisition.

RRFC manages Mendocino County's benefit from Lake Mendocino for agriculture, industry, recreation, and drinking water. We have a keen interest in all Russian River watershed interests being suitably represented. The District has special interest in the Alexander Valley Water District being able to represent Sonoma County beneficiaries of stored water in Lake Mendocino.

Thank you for your focused attention on the approval of the Alexander Valley Water District formation.

Yours Sincerely,



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