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Subject: Letter of Support – Development of Solutions for SB 1383 Compliance and Vegetation Fuel Reduction Waste

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Grass Valley City Council, the City is writing to express our strong support for the development and implementation of innovative, sustainable solutions that address the dual goals of Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383) compliance and effective vegetation and wood waste fuel reduction.

SB 1383 mandates a 75% reduction in statewide organic waste disposal by 2025, a critical step in reducing methane emissions and mitigating the environmental impact of food and green waste. At the same time, our region continues to face severe wildfire threats fueled by overgrown vegetation, unmanaged wood waste, and prolonged drought conditions. Projects that responsibly process food scraps, green waste, and wood debris—such as composting, biofuel generation, or other environmentally sound methods—are essential for protecting both public safety and environmental health.

The City of Grass Valley recognizes the urgent need for local and regional infrastructure that supports these waste diversion and fire mitigation goals. We believe that coordinated, forward-thinking solutions—including composting facilities, biomass energy initiatives, and public-private partnerships—can significantly increase community resilience while advancing state mandates. We strongly support efforts to secure funding, permits, and interagency collaboration to bring these vital projects to fruition. The City is committed to supporting and participating in initiatives that lead to a cleaner, safer, and more sustainable future for Grass Valley and the greater Nevada County area.

Thank you for your leadership and dedication to these important objectives. Please feel free to contact us if we can provide further assistance or collaborate on future efforts.

Sincerely,

Hilary Hodge
Mayor, City of Grass Valley
On behalf of the Grass Valley City Council