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1120 N Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Clean California Local Grant Program – City of Madera Support Letter**

To Whom it May Concern:

On behalf of the Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC), I am writing to offer this letter of support for the City of Madera in their pursuit of securing the Clean California Local Grant Program. The City intends to use this funding to support beautification and improvements along the Vern McCullough River Trail and the Fresno River.

The City of Madera has experienced an increase in refuse in the Vern McCullough River Trail and the Fresno River last year. The City is seeking to continue efforts to reduce the amount of waste and debris through a riverbed cleanup pilot program that began last year to address this issue. Additionally, the City plans to include beautification and access improvement projects along the Fresno River and Vern McCullough River Trails to improve the public space for walking and recreation. Beautification and improvement projects include the addition of permanent and durable trash receptors, educational and environmental awareness signage, exercise equipment sites, and a seal coat of the trail. As part of the maintenance plan, the City plans to augment local relationships with community partners with an educational trail-adoption component, utilize the City's Safe & Clean Team, as well as take full advantage of a newly purchased Harper Hawk sweeper.

It is important to note that the proposed project does not have as one of its objectives the removal or displacement of any person experiencing homelessness who may be located in the Fresno River bottom. Instead, the goal is to remove debris from the river channel, including the river bottom, banks, bridge area, and Vern McCullough River Trail that have become littered with debris and waste.

For these reasons, MCTC supports the City of Madera's efforts to secure funding under the Clean California Local Grant Program request application.

Sincerely,

Patricia Taylor, Executive Director  
Madera County Transportation Commission

**Member Agencies: County of Madera, City of Madera, City of Chowchilla**