



April 6, 2026

Wade McMaster, Supervisor
Mendocino National Forest
825 North Humboldt Ave.
Willows, CA 95988

Subject: Letter of Support – Sacramento River Discovery Center, Inc. Permit Extension

Dear Supervisor McMaster,

The Tehama County Solid Waste Management Agency (Agency) has been partnering with the Sacramento River Discovery Center, Inc. (SRDC, Inc.) for more than a decade to help educate Tehama County residents and schoolchildren on the importance of waste reduction, recycling, and backyard composting. There is no location better suited than the SRDC, Inc.'s Visitor Center and native plant garden to help further the Agency's mission to "...conserve natural resources, sustain the environment, and reduce solid waste being landfilled through innovative leadership and effective grant and outreach programs that foster a sense of responsibility and inspire action by Tehama County residents."

I have conducted backyard composting outreach at numerous plant "festivals" they put on each spring and fall, given presentations and facilitated activities on the importance of composting to many school groups that have come for field trips from all parts of the County, and have participated in their Thursday evening program to teach local residents about the importance of recycling and how simple acts of recycling and waste reduction can help them be better stewards of our precious resources in Tehama County. Having the experience of working with SRDC, Inc. over the last decade I can personally attest to the immense dedication their small staff and numerous volunteers have for our community and the Red Bluff Recreation area. The personal touch and value they add to the Red Bluff Recreation area by hosting schoolchildren on field trips, bringing new people to the area for their native plant sales, and providing helpful information and knowledge of the area to visitors travelling through our County could not be replicated by any other concessionaire.

For all these reasons the Tehama County Solid Waste Management Agency wholeheartedly supports their request for a twenty-five (25) year extension to their permit. The assurance of long-term stability will enable SRDC, Inc. to seek greater funding opportunities to expand their programming to more members of our community and provide the Agency with a helpful partner to continue our mission to inspire action by Tehama County residents to reduce, reuse, recycle, and compost.

Sincerely,

Paul Freund
Agency Manager