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April 12, 2022

Mr. Greg Norton  
President & CEO  
Golden State Natural Resources  
1215 K Street, Suite 1650  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Golden State Natural Resources Letter of Support**

Dear Mr. Norton:

On behalf of the San Benito County Board of Supervisors, I write to offer support for Golden State Natural Resources, Inc. (GSNR) and its Guiding Principles. GSNR is a nonprofit 501(c)(3), a tax-exempt, forest resiliency company created in 2018 for the purposes of working to achieve forest resiliency and restoration on a large scale. GSNR includes dedicated partnerships of committed public and private entities with related expertise and resources as part of the solution in achieving forest resiliency. The GSNR project is committed to the vision of environmental stewardship and economic stability for our forests, watersheds, wildlife, communities, and residents.

GSNR has identified an opportunity to remove excess biomass from private and publicly owned land in California, which can help achieve resilient forests and healthy rural economies. GSNR will, over time, facilitate the restoration of California's forests to a level that will assist public safety institutions, the U.S. Forest Service, California Natural Resources Agency, CalFIRE, and the private sector to provide effective management of California's forests with available resources. To that end GSNR, through its affiliate entity, Golden State Finance Authority, secured a Master Stewardship Agreement with the USFS covering 18 national forests in California.

In addition to forest restoration, watershed enhancement, and numerous environmental benefits, this corporation is intended to help revitalize the wood products industry in California, resulting in investment and employment in rural California and overall economic gain for the state.

I am pleased to offer my support to GSNR and its purpose to help in the restoration of California's forested lands, environment, watersheds, wildlife habitat and enhance rural economic and community development.

Sincerely,

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Bea Gonzales, 5<sup>th</sup> District  
Chair of the Board of Supervisor  
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