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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department of Public Works

RE: Provide a letter of support for Honey Lake Valley RCD's application for NACD Urban Agriculture Conservation Grant FY2021

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board provide a letter of support for Honey Lake Valley RCD's application for NACD Urban Agriculture Conservation Grant FY2021

DISCUSSION: Honey Lake Valley RCD is in the process of applying for grant funding under the NACD Urban Agriculture Conservation Grant. This grant opportunity would provide HLVRCD with funding to provide "Conservation education & management of Native and introduced urban agricultural plants in the Northern Great Basin". Through the creation of free workshops, educational materials, and local partnerships, community members will learn about the indigenous foods and medicinal plants native to the Susanville/Northern Great Basin area, and build community awareness to the urban agriculture that this area has the potential to support. This Lassen County area partnership project will bring awareness to culturally significant native plants and help to increase food sovereignty through education and management of introduced heritage varieties of producing fruit trees and shrubs.

ALTERNATIVE Not approve

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None

DEPARTMENTAL APPROVAL:

*Pete C. Heimigner*

REVIEWED FOR AGENDA:

*County of Lassen*  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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Ron Rohall, Chair  
NACD Urban and Community Resource Policy Group  
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NACD Headquarters  
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RE: NACD Urban Agriculture Conservation Grant FY2021

Dear Ron Rohall,

I am writing to document Lassen County's support of the Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District's (HLVRCD) proposal to the Urban Agriculture Conservation Grant for FY2021 (UAC), titled "Conservation education & management of Native and introduced urban agricultural plants in the Northern Great Basin". Lassen County is familiar with HLVRCD's proposal and understands the general expectations and priorities of this project.

Urban agricultural conservation has become a high priority for communities as the desire for locally produced food and food sovereignty increases. This Lassen County area partnership project will bring awareness to culturally significant native plants and help to increase food sovereignty through education and management of introduced heritage varieties of producing fruit trees and shrubs. While Lassen County contains large amounts of acreage used for ranching and traditional agricultural practices, providing additional resources for community members to create and sustain their own food security is of utmost importance. Through the creation of free workshops, educational materials, and local partnerships, community members will learn about the indigenous foods and medicinal plants native to the Susanville/Northern Great Basin area, and build community awareness to the urban agriculture that this area has the potential to support.

We offer our full support for HLVRCD to seek funding sources related to the conservation and education of urban agriculture activities that will benefit our local communities and food sovereignty.

Please feel free to reach out Matt McLain ([mmclain@co.lassen.ca.us](mailto:mmclain@co.lassen.ca.us)) if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration for funding of this project. Any additional funding that HLVRCD can secure for urban agriculture projects will only increase the health and knowledge of our community members.

Sincerely,

Aaron Albaugh, Chairman

Lassen County Board of Supervisors