

## Appendix H

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Letters of Support

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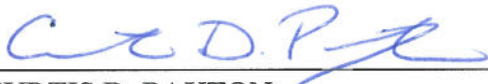
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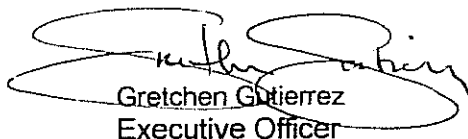
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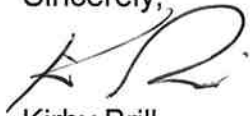
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On behalf of the Sun Village Town Council, I would like to express our support for the community outreach efforts taken for, and of, the Antelope Valley Region's Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan.

The outreach subcommittee members for the Antelope Valley IRWM Plan have traveled and presented the AV IRWM Plan at numerous community meetings throughout the Antelope Valley Region, all of which were disadvantaged, underrepresented, and/or traditionally isolated or rural communities. These meetings collectively reached hundreds of community members directly and many more indirectly when the information was shared by those attending, and the response has been overwhelmingly positive from all sects.

As a result of these direct interactions, the individual communities expressed appreciation at the genuine interest of the IRWM Plan group members to incorporate the ideas and willingness to listen to all community members as exhibited through the outreach meetings. These outreach efforts, motivated through the development of the IRWM Plan, have provided an invaluable step towards helping unify the very diverse Antelope Valley Region.

Our organization appreciates the efforts of the IRWM Plan outreach subcommittee, and we look forward to continued participation in the IRWM planning process.

We urge your thoughtful consideration of the Antelope Valley Integration Regional Water Management Plan.

Very truly yours,

Sun Village Town Council



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cc: The Sun Village Chamber of Commerce