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Dear Mr. Ray:

Tuolumne River Mining Reach Restoration Project: Warner-Deardorff Segment No. 3 – Construction

We are writing in support of this project. The Warner-Deardorff project is an integral part of the Tuolumne River restoration which several agencies and non-profits are working toward.

It's location in the mining reach will reestablish a natural river just below several other projects in the spawning reach. Of particular interest is the restoration of native riparian communities establishing habitat for special status species (e.g. egrets, ospreys, hawks, and herons). Improved spawning and rearing habitat for salmonids will enhance the work of other projects by providing downstream habitat.

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We look forward to its implementation.

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Sincerely,

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