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Oregon Department of Agriculture
Attn: Tristen Berg, Oregon State Weed Board
635 Capitol St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Support for OSWB County General Assistance Grant Application

Dear Review Committee,

The Wasco County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Directors, serving as the reinstated Wasco County Weed Board, strongly supports the District's application for Oregon State Weed Board County General Assistance funding.

Following the re-establishment of the County Weed Board, the Board adopted an updated county noxious weed list and renewed its commitment to coordinated invasive weed management throughout Wasco County. The county's priority weed list identifies species that prose significant threats to agricultural production, watershed health, wildlife habitat, recreation, and native ecosystems.

Wasco County's diverse landscapes and extensive agricultural resources require a coordinated approach to weed prevention, monitoring, education, and treatment. General Assistance funding provides the foundation necessary to build local program capacity, respond to emerging weed threats, provide technical assistance to landowners, and implement strategic control efforts across the county.

As the county works to rebuild and strengthen its weed program, Oregon State Weed Board funding will be essential to supporting long-term success and ensuring limited resources are directed toward the highest priority infestations and prevention efforts.

The Wasco County Weed Board, and SWCD Board of Directors appreciates your consideration of this application and respectfully requests your support for this important investment in the county's agricultural and natural resources.

Sincerely,

Bill Hammel, District Board Chair
Wasco County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Directors
Serving as the Wasco County Weed Board