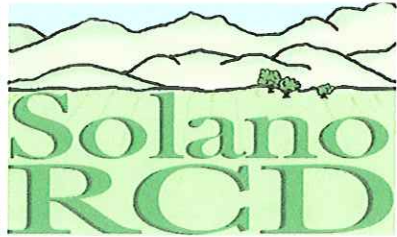


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Re: Letter of Support

Date: December xx, 2010

Dear ASI/UC SAREP,

This letter is written in support of Rachael Long's 2010 ASI/SAREP grant proposal titled, "Evaluating the role of social learning in supporting hedgerow adoption", submitted by UC ANR.

This project is of high interest to Solano Resource Conservation District as there is a strong need to develop educational outreach methods that enhance adoption of hedgerows on farms. Hedgerows are important components of our agricultural landscape with many ecosystem benefits. These include enhanced weed control, water quality protection, soil fauna, erosion control, sediment retention, game hunting, biodiversity, and pollination and pest control by native bees and beneficial insects.

Our interest is to help support this project with input on survey development, working with growers, and outreach of results to educational groups promoting hedgerows on farms.

I consider this research of high priority for our agricultural community where establishing hedgerows on farms would promote sustainable farming practices. If you have any questions or need more information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris R", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Christopher Rose
Executive Director
Solano Resource Conservation District

