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TO: GCRC D Board of Directors

FROM: Stephanie Moreno, Executive Director/District Clerk

SUBJECT: *Flood Damage Assessments*: Update from the Executive Director on the provision of in-kind assessment services to the USDA-Farm Services Agency to facilitate processing of their 2023 Flood damage applications.

DATE: March 2, 2023

Recommendation:

The Board of Directors accept the update from the Executive Director.

Background:

In January 2021, we were contacted by the Farm Service Agency located at the Hollister Service Center with a request for assistance in processing the backlog of damage assessments for agricultural producers who suffered losses in the catastrophic SCU Lightning Complex fires and had submitted applications for Emergency Conservation Program Assistance. Conservation Program Coordinator Nathan Hale subsequently completed a total of 11 site visits and assessments, which helped facilitate timely processing of over \$1 million dollars in reimbursements.

In February 2023, FSA once again contacted me for assistance in processing applications, this time for the 2023 Floods. I have committed Conservation Program Coordinator Paulina Binsfeld to conducting up to 5 assessments to help facilitate processing of applications for agricultural producers in our District, and she began that work yesterday. Loma Prieta RCD will be providing similar assistance within their District.

Summary:

This is an update only and no action is required on the part of the Board of Directors.