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Sherilyn Tran
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Dear Ms. Sherilyn Tran,

I am writing this commitment letter in support of the project, "Reducing Pollutant Source Loads: Outreach and Technical Assistance for Limited Resource Socially Disadvantaged Farming Communities", that is being submitted by the Loma Prieta Resource Conservation District (LPRCD)'s Executive Director Dina Iden.

I believe that this project will be particularly useful to the small-scale limited resource socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers in Santa Clara. The UCCE Santa Clara County Small Farm Program has served the small farmers in the region for more than fifteen years and has a strong working relationship with the growers in the region. Several growers in the region have expressed an interest in improving their irrigation and nutrient management practices, a need for information on current research information for managing irrigation water and fertilizer applications, and integrated pest management practices, and help with getting access to services provided by support agencies in the region. UCCE Santa Clara County has worked with the project team on educational and training efforts in the past and we believe they have the skills and experience to manage this project effectively. We look forward to assisting Dina Iden and her team on this project. I commit to assist in the following areas of this project:

- Coordinate the outreach efforts of the project
- Oversee the requirement of a Cantonese speaking liaison
- Assistance in locating appropriate speakers for workshops
- Outreach to potential project participants in my organization and my county
- Share project educational materials with farmers and ranchers in my region.

Please support LPRCD in helping our local growers and ranchers in reducing potential source loads of nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus and pesticides used in crop production entering groundwater and surface water through runoff and leaching, and protects local watersheds. Please feel free to contact me if you need additional information.

Sincerely,



Aparna Gazula
Small Farm Advisor
UCCE Santa Clara, San Benito, and Santa Cruz Counties