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September 15, 2026

The Honorable Helen Owen
Lake County Board of Supervisors, District 1
255 N. Forbes Street
Lakeport, CA 95453

Subject: Request for Permit Fee Waiver – New District 1 Fire Station

Dear Supervisor Owen:

I am writing on behalf of the South Lake County Fire Protection District Board of Directors to respectfully request your sponsorship and formal support for a waiver of all county permit fees. The waiver being requested is associated with the new fire station at 19287 Hartmann Road, Hidden Valley Lake.

As the District 1 Supervisor representing our South County Communities, including Middletown, Hidden Valley Lake, and Lower Lake, you are acutely aware of how critical robust public safety infrastructure is to our region. This new fire station will replace the currently inadequate facility that was initially constructed as a volunteer station, not intended to support modern 24-hour staffing, firefighter housing or contemporary emergency response operations.

Waiving these fees will allow vital public funds to be reinvested directly into this project. Project planning and design is complete and is in the final steps of securing county approvals, positioning the project to move forward quickly upon receipt of funding. The estimated project cost is $9 million.

Thank you for your continued dedication to public safety and your unwavering support of our first responders.

Sincerely,

Signed by:

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Stephanie Cline
President, Board of Directors