

April 14, 2025

Honorable Council Members  
Sage Sangiacomo, City Manager  
The City of Ukiah  
300 Seminary Ave.  
Ukiah, CA 95482

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*Sent via email: [cmoffice@cityofukiah.com](mailto:cmoffice@cityofukiah.com)*

Re: Support for the City of Ukiah's Proposed Reorganization

Dear Mayor Crane, Councilmembers, and Mr. Sangiacomo,

The Board of Directors of Willow County Water District understands staff from the City have prepared a proposal for your consideration to reorganize Willow. That reorganization, if you approve of it, would result in annexing all of Willow with the result of merging it with the City. The Board of Directors of Willow supports the staff's proposed reorganization and asks that you direct them to prepare the necessary applications for your further consideration and eventual submittal to Mendocino LAFCo for approval.

As you are aware, in the past year Willow, the City, Redwood Valley County Water District, Millview County Water District, and Calpella County Water District entered a joint exercise of powers agreement to create the Ukiah Valley Water Authority. Willow's intent behind joining the Water Authority is to integrate and manage our region's water supply in order to secure our collective water future. The City of Ukiah, under the JPA, has recently absorbed Willow's former employees in providing administrative and operations and maintenance services to the members of the Water Authority – services that were, prior to January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, provided by Willow. Our collective efforts on the Water Authority, paired with the proposed reorganization, are a welcome step forward.

If I can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. We look forward to continuing to work with the City and our neighbors to secure a bright future for our community.

Sincerely,

Gary Nevill  
President  
Willow County Water District

