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The Honorable Richard Bloom, Chair  
Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 3  
State Capitol, Room 2003  
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Bob Wieckowski, Chair  
Senate Budget Subcommittee No. 2  
State Capitol, Room 4085  
Sacramento, CA 95814

### RE: CDFA California Biodiversity Initiative BCP—SUPPORT

Chairs Bloom and Wieckowski:

On behalf of the Placer County Board of Supervisors, I write to express our strong support for the California Department of Food and Agriculture's (CDFA) Biodiversity Initiative BCP, which requests \$3 million be included in the state budget to accelerate and streamline the prevention, detection and management of invasive plant species.

This funding supports CDFA's "Weed Management Area" program, enabling CDFA to partner with local organizations across the state to address the spread of invasive plants. Invasive plants are recognized in California's Biodiversity Initiative and the state's Wildlife Action Plan as having a significant impact on native biodiversity. Actively addressing invasive plants not only protects biodiversity, it also promotes fire safety and protects water resources, agriculture, and recreation.

Given the recognized impacts of invasive plants on the state's biodiversity this \$3 million investment is essential to implementing the new Biodiversity Initiative successfully. We respectfully ask for your support in protecting our environment, our economy and our safety by approving this funding as part of the 2019-20 budget.

If you have any questions, please contact Josh Huntsinger, Placer County Agricultural Commissioner at [JHuntsin@placer.ca.gov](mailto:JHuntsin@placer.ca.gov) or (530) 889-7374.

Sincerely,

Kirk Uhler, Chairman (District 4)  
Placer County Board of Supervisors

Cc: The Honorable Members of the Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 3  
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