

**Middle Creek Ditch Company
C/O Peg Easton, President
167 Cougar Drive
Bozeman, MT 59718**

May 4, 2026

Reclamation and Development Grants Program
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation
1539 Eleventh Avenue
Helena, MT 59601

Re: Letter of Support and Cooperation for RDGP grant application

To the Montana Reclamation and Developments Grants Program:

I am writing on behalf of the Middle Creek Ditch Company, ("MCDC"), of which I am President. MCDC has been working with the Gallatin Conservation District ("GCD") and its cooperating partner the Gallatin Water Trust ("GWT") to implement Phases 1 and 2 of the Gallatin Valley Managed Aquifer Recharge Study (DNRC Nos.: RITP-25-0220 and RITP-26-0229) ("MAR Project").

Specifically, under the Phase 1 and 2 grants the MCDC has been working with GCD and GWT to investigate the MCDC ditch and canal system and to prepare the preliminary design for a managed aquifer recharge infrastructure pilot project associated with the MCDC system. The pilot project that has been selected is located on a parcel of land owned by the Haggerty Family LLC at 4940 Stucky Road, Bozeman, MT 50718 (Geocode 06-0798-22-1-01-000). This parcel is located within the service area of the MCDC and has historically been provided water for irrigation purposes by the same. MCDC has supported these planning efforts by cooperating with GWT in the investigation and mapping of the MCDC system and by making MCDC infrastructure and facilities available for use in the pilot project.

This letter concerns the pending application by the GCD for a Reclamation and Development Grants Program ("RDGP") grant to further implement the MAR Project. The RDGP grant application is intended, in part, to seek funding to allow for the development of final design for the recharge infrastructure on the Haggerty parcel, to install and operate that infrastructure, and to help secure a source of water that is legally authorized to be

used for that purpose. In addition, the RDGP grant application requests contingent funding sufficient to enable the development and operation of up to four (4) additional managed aquifer recharge facilities within the MCDC service area.

If the MAR Project is funded as outlined in the application, it is MCDC's intention to continue to work with the GCD and the GWT to implement the same. Specifically, we intend to work with GWT to allow, under appropriate terms and conditions, the installation and operation of aquifer recharge infrastructure associated with the MCDC system; and to investigate and take appropriate steps toward the use of MCDC's (or others') water right(s) for the same. Once these steps are taken and operational, it is our intent to make this infrastructure available, again under appropriate terms and conditions, to a party or parties who have an interest in supporting aquifer recharge in the Gallatin Valley.

Because the MAR Project is still in the preliminary design phase and has yet to be fully funded, we have not yet developed the contract(s) and easement(s) that will be necessary to ultimately implement the pilot project or any subsequent component. However, by this letter we would like DNRC to know that we are fully supportive of and committed to the MAR Project at a level that is commensurate with the current stage of its development.

We hope that this letter of support and cooperation is sufficient for present purposes to clarify our role and intent, and to allow the RDGP to act favorably on the GCD's application. We are available at your convenience to answer questions and provide any further detail that may be needed.

We thank you in advance for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely



Peg Easton for Middle Creek Ditch Company

Cc: Middle Creek Ditch Company Board of Directors
Gallatin Conservation District
Gallatin Water Trust

Kevin Haggerty
5100 Patterson Rd.
Bozeman, MT 59718

April 27, 2026

Reclamation and Development Grants Program
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation
1539 Eleventh Avenue
Helena, MT 59601

Re: Letter of Support and Cooperation for RDGP grant application.

To the Montana Reclamation and Developments Grants Program:

I am writing on behalf of the Haggerty Family LLC, of which my wife Catherine and I are managing members. On behalf of the LLC, and as shareholders (and a Board Member (Kevin)) of the Middle Creek Ditch Company, we have been working with the Gallatin Conservation District ("GCD") and its cooperating partner the Gallatin Water Trust ("GWT") to implement Phases 1 and 2 of the Gallatin Valley Managed Aquifer Recharge Study (DNRC Nos.: RITP-25-0220 and RITP-26-0229) ("MAR Project").

This letter concerns the pending application by the GCD for a Reclamation and Development Grants Program ("RDGP") grant to further implement the MAR Project. Specifically, the Haggerty LLC has been working with the GWT to investigate and prepare preliminary designs for a specific managed aquifer recharge infrastructure project on our parcel of land located at 4940 Stucky Road, Bozeman, MT 50718 (Geocode 06-0798-22-1-01-000). This parcel is located within the service area of the Middle Creek Ditch Company and has historically been provided water for irrigation purposes by the same.

The RDGP grant application is intended, in part, to seek funding to allow for the development of a final design for the recharge infrastructure on this parcel, to install and operate that infrastructure, and to help secure a source of water that is legally authorized to be used for that purpose. If the MAR Project is funded as outlined in the application, it is our intention to continue to work with the GCD and the GWT to implement the MAR Project; and specifically, to allow, under appropriate terms and conditions, the installation and operation of aquifer recharge infrastructure on this parcel. Once installed, it is our hope and intent to make this infrastructure available, again under appropriate terms and

conditions, to a party or parties who have an interest in supporting aquifer recharge in the Gallatin Valley.

Because the MAR Project is still in the preliminary design phase and has yet to be fully funded, we have not yet developed the contract and easement that will be necessary to ultimately implement this specific component. However, by this letter we would like DNRC to know that we are fully supportive of and committed to the MAR Project at a level that is commensurate with the current stage of its development.

We hope that this letter of support and cooperation is sufficient for present purposes to clarify our role and intent, and to allow DNRC to act favorably on the GCD's application. We are available at your convenience to answer questions and provide any further detail that may be needed.

We thank you in advance for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Haggerty". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Kevin Haggerty

Cc: Gallatin Conservation District
Middle Creek Ditch Company
Gallatin Water Trust