



November 20, 2020

Mrs. Sarah King, Executive Director
Altar Valley Conservation Alliance
14990 S Sasabe Road
Tucson, AZ 85736

RE: RCPP Proposal titled *Altar Valley Watershed Resilience Program*

Dear Mrs. King:

Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation (AZSFWC) is a 501c-3 non-profit organization dedicated to wildlife conservation, habitat work, youth recruitment and retention, as well as educating sportsmen and women on issues important to their passions. AZSFWC consists of 43 member, affiliate, and associate groups that reach across the spectrum of conservation, hunting, angling, shooting, outdoor recreation and businesses from across Arizona. Our member groups represent more than 10,000 sportsmen and women in the state.

On behalf of AZSFWC, we want to express our support of the Altar Valley Conservation Alliance's (AVCA) proposal to the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP), titled "Altar Valley Watershed Resilience Program."

AZSFWC appreciates the need for landscape scale conservation projects in Arizona and supports the efforts to address the natural resource concerns identified therein. Here in Arizona, AZSFWC provides grants for wildlife habitat and conservation related projects that meet our criteria as part of our "Conserving Wildlife" license plate program we sponsor in conjunction with Arizona's Motor Vehicle Department.

Since AVCA is now a member of AZSFWC, you will learn we have funded numerous habitat projects for a variety of conservation efforts. Some of those have included forest thinning, meadow restoration, grassland enhancement, water catchment maintenance, stream improvement, and wildlife friendly fencing, among others. A common thread with most of these endeavors is the collaborative effort put forth by numerous partners and contributors. AVCA has a great opportunity to do something similar with this proposed program!

Yours in Conservation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Unmacht", written over a horizontal line.

Jim Unmacht
Executive Director

AZSFWC support for AVCA's Altar Valley Watershed Resilience Program – 11-20-20

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