

March 14, 2019

The Honorable Toni Atkins Senate President Pro Tempore Chair, Senate Rules Committee State Capitol, Room 205 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Confirmation of Wade Crowfoot as Secretary of the California Natural Resources Agency - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Atkins:

On behalf of the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), I am writing to express our support for the confirmation of Wade Crowfoot as the Secretary of the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA). RCRC is an association of thirty-six rural California counties, and the RCRC Board of Directors is comprised of elected supervisors from those member counties.

RCRC member counties are the stewards of much of the State's natural resources, including forests, watersheds, and wildlife habitat. It is imperative that the person overseeing CNRA have an acute understanding of the importance of working with local governments as partners in preserving California's natural resources, as well as an action-oriented mindset toward partnerships between state, local, and federal land managers. RCRC has had a long and successful relationship with Secretary Crowfoot, and is confident that while we may not always share the same perspective, we can work through our differences to a mutual understanding that is beneficial for the good of the entire State.

For the above reasons, RCRC strongly supports the confirmation of Secretary Crowfoot. We look forward to continuing our strong relationship with him into the future. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Matt Kingsley

Member, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

RCRC Chair

cc: Members of the Senate Rules Committee

Secretary Wade Crowfoot, California Natural Resources Agency