



# Shasta County

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Re: RTPA FY 2006-2007 Regional Blueprint Planning Program Grant Application

Dear Ms. Scherzinger:

On behalf of Shasta County, please accept this letter in support of Shasta County RTPA's FY 2006-2007 *Regional Blueprint Planning Program* grant application.

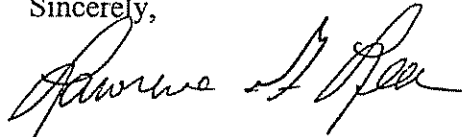
The timing of this project is especially critical to the future of our region. Historically modest growth trends in Shasta and Tehama County have given way in recent years to urban-type development such as big-box retail and large scale residential developments. This new wave of development pressures carries truly regional implications that may permanently affect the form and function of our region.

This project will provide a common forum for regional issues and the financial resources needed to develop a preferred blueprint for the future. Citizens, decision makers, and elected officials will gain insight and a greater appreciation for the long-term implications of today's decisions and the relationship between the economy, the environment, and social equity.

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Shasta County is committed to participating in the development and subsequent implementation of a consensus derived 'blueprint' for the Shasta/Northern Tehama region. The products and deliverables of this project will be used to build upon or support the goals, objectives and policies found in the Shasta County General Plan.

Sincerely,



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