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Mr. Kim Karstensen
Director-General
Forest Stewardship Council International
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Germany
(via email to dispute.resolution@fsc.org)

Dear Mr. Karstensen:

This letter is to support Water for Citizens of Weed CA (WCWC) in its complaint against Roseburg Forest Products (RFP), filed on February 27, 2019.

We Advocate Thorough Environmental Review (W.A.T.E.R.) is a California 501(c)(3) non-profit organization incorporated to promote quality local and regional planning, land use and development, as well as to preserve a healthy human and natural environment within the Siskiyou County area. In addition to protecting our regional water resources from contamination, we work to protect the human right to water and oppose corporate efforts to privatize water for extraction and profit at the expense of the public. Thus, the work of WCWC is of utmost importance to our work, and we fully support their efforts and work in the community of Weed.

Since 2016, members of our Board of Directors have participated in WCWC efforts to secure the City's water rights that RFP is trying to take away. The widespread view in our community is that access to drinking water is a human right and RFP's attempted water grab is egregiously unethical and in violation of our State Constitution and water laws. In addition, RFP's efforts to use the legal system to silence community leaders who have spoken out on the issue are clearly in violation of the US Constitution's First Amendment declaration of free speech rights. Clearly, RFP's actions are a blatant violation of FSC human rights policies.

Our Board of Directors unanimously and enthusiastically support the WCWC complaint against RFP and the demands that RFP cease its attempt to claim the City's water and drop the SLAPP suit against the WCWC.

Sincerely,

Bruce Hillman
Bruce Hillman, President, Board of Directors

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