

Regeneración/Regeneration

PÁJARO VALLEY CLIMATE ACTION



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To: Administrative Council

Western Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) program
Re: Letter of support for grant proposal to the Western SARE Professional Development Program

I write on behalf of *Regeneración-Pajaro Valley Climate Action*, to express our support for the grant proposal titled “Closing the Loop: Technical Assistance to Support Regenerative Agriculture on Underserved Small Farms on the Central California Coast” submitted by the Sustainable Research Systems Foundation (SRSF) in partnership with Whiskey Hill Farm (WHF) in Watsonville, California.

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Regeneración is a non-profit organization in Watsonville, California, focused on issues of environmental justice across the Pajaro Valley. It has catalyzed an unprecedented diversity of people gathering and working together. Regeneración has established itself as a bridge organization so we can work more broadly together to develop more holistic and multi-benefit solutions going forward.

The SSRF-WHF proposal is focused on the training of agricultural professionals to teach small farmers the principles of regenerative and closed loop agriculture, with a particular focus on Latinx farmers across the Monterey Bay region. “Closing the loop” in agriculture is essential to achieving both climate action and climate justice, and to supporting the success of small farmers. The educational materials to be developed in this project will be available in both Spanish and English, and agricultural professionals will be able to reach out to Latinx farmers to help them in developing resilience in the face of a changing climate.

Regeneración strongly supports the proposed project and we look forward to working with SSRF, WHF and partner organizations in ensuring project success.

Yours sincerely,

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