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Honorable Daron McDaniel
Merced County Board of Supervisors
2222 M Street
Merced, California 95340

Subject: U.S. Department of Agriculture Designation

Dear Chairperson McDaniel:

On May 10, 2021, the U.S. Department of Agriculture granted a Secretarial disaster designation for the primary counties of **Monterey, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara** and the contiguous counties of **Fresno, Kern, Kings, Merced, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, and Ventura**. This designation is a result of the final rule announced for the USDA Disaster Designation Process (7 CFR 759), which includes the nearly automatic approval for counties with drought intensity levels of D2 (for 8 consecutive weeks), D3, and D4 as reported on the U.S. Drought Monitor.

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) is providing the enclosed information regarding this designation. Please inform potential applicants throughout your county of this designation and information.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:
Nicole Watanabe

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Individual Assistance Program Manager

Enclosure

cc: Merced County Office of Emergency Services
Merced County Agricultural Commissioner
Karen Ross, Secretary, California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA)
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