



**REGIONAL SOLUTIONS PROGRAM
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR TINA KOTEK**

October 29, 2025

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the South Valley/Mid Coast Regional Solutions Advisory Committee (RSAC), I am pleased to offer this letter of support for the Row River Valley Community Partnership and its effort to construct a new fire station to serve the Row River Rural Fire Protection District.

Row River Fire Response organized to put the formation of the Row River Rural Fire Protection District on the May 2024 ballot. With the support of local residents, the measure passed and the district was officially established in the summer of that year. The district, with the continued leadership of Row River Valley Community Partnership, is now advancing plans to build a fire station on land generously donated for this purpose. This facility will be central to providing effective fire protection, emergency response, and disaster resilience in a uniquely vulnerable rural community that currently has a single ingress and egress route.

The South Valley/Mid Coast RSAC has identified **Community Resilience** as one of its top regional priorities. This project directly advances that goal by:

- Building capacity in the wake of the 2020 wildfires and preparing for future disaster events.
- Growing coordination across public, private, and philanthropic sectors to improve resilience.
- Investing in the built environment to enhance public safety and strengthen the region's emergency response infrastructure.

The estimated \$3.5 million facility represents a significant undertaking. The Row River Valley Community Partnership is wisely pursuing a diversified funding package, including federal, state, and philanthropic resources. Members of the Regional Solutions team have already assisted the group in navigating permitting processes and funding opportunities, and our Advisory Committee views this project as a strong example of local initiative matched with cross-sector collaboration. It reflects the can-do attitude and creative approaches so often seen across rural Oregon when dedicated individuals and organizations set out to meet local needs like these.

For all these reasons, the South Valley/Mid Coast Regional Solutions Advisory Committee is pleased to support the Row River Valley Community Partnership's efforts to secure funding for this critical community safety project. We encourage your favorable consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Courtney Flathers".

Courtney Flathers
Regional Solutions Coordinator
on behalf of the South Valley/Mid-Coast Regional Solutions Advisory Committee



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