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**Subject:** Loyalton Ranch - CDFW Interest

Hi:

After watching the City Council Meeting recording from 9/18/21, I am writing to convey CDFW's interest in purchasing the City's Loyalton Ranch Property (Property). CDFW's Hallelujah Junction Wildlife Area (HJWA), operated for wildlife oriented recreation and wildlife habitat conservation, is adjacent to your Property and we have had a longstanding desire to purchase for conservation and open for public recreation. The Property is critical winter range for the migratory Loyalton-Truckee deer herd and well situated to add to a network of conserved lands in the area. We work with several NGO conservation partners in the area who would be happy to pledge support for sale to CDFW. Since the 2020 fire, CDFW staff have been actively restoring the HJWA in order to graze cattle and would be happy to talk fire recovery, reclamation costs, and share information if you desire to hold interest in the ranch.

I am happy to chat about our acquisition process any time. Please keep me in the loop as you work toward a decision on the Loyalton Ranch Property.

Thanks for your time.

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