



July 16, 2013

Kern County Board of Supervisors
1115 Truxtun Avenue, 5th Floor
Bakersfield, CA 93301

RE: Shafter Research Station

Esteemed Supervisors,

Thank you for your ongoing support of the remaking of the Shafter Agriculture Research Station into a collaborative research facility to benefit our farmers, agribusiness companies, and agriculture consumers. We at the Kern Community College District are proud to be a partner in this collaboration with the County of Kern and the San Joaquin Valley Quality Cotton Growers Association (SJVQCGA).

In addition to the benefits our community has already realized through the work of the station, we are now working through a plan to develop on-site internships for community college students in the fields of agriculture, biology, chemistry and more. By creating opportunities for students to get hands-on experience working with research clients at the station, our students will be better prepared to continue their studies and enter the workforce. In that vein, we have established an agreement for leasing equipment to be used, in part, to facilitate our collaboration; conducted meetings with key administrators and faculty members at the site to explore ways to benefit our existing curriculum; executed a Business/Industry Internship Training Agreement with SJVQCGA; and have set a meeting date to plan implementation of the internship program.

This exciting work will clearly benefit the communities we mutually serve, so the support you have already given the collaboration is very much appreciated. I urge you to continue your support of this worthwhile project as you review your upcoming budget and plans for future endeavors.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michele Bresso". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "M".

Michele Bresso, PhD
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