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Biggs-West Gridley Water District, Butte Water District, Richvale Irrigation District, Sutter Extension Water District and Western Canal Water District would like to dedicate the 2020 update of the Feather River Regional Agricultural Water Management Plan (FRRAWMP) to Byron Clark. During his too-short lifetime, Byron contributed greatly to water management in not only the Feather River region, but the entire Sacramento Valley and the state of California as a whole. The Sacramento Valley was always a special place to him. Byron's connection to the valley began in his youth as he grew up in the small farming town of Willows, California, and it continued throughout his life, both professionally and personally. Byron became an Eagle Scout, was Valedictorian of the Willow's High School class of 1994, and graduated from UC Davis with a degree in Biosystems Engineering.

As an engineer, Byron maintained an incredibly high standard of work. He was able to focus in on technical details while also maintaining a clear vision of the big picture and why each project or task was important. He was always dedicated to thoughtful data analysis and dissemination, helping clients and the community in making sound resource management decisions. He had an unmistakable passion for his work, and his leadership in agricultural water management will be missed.

As a person, Byron was a warm, generous, and thoughtful man. He was appreciative and thankful of others, noting their unique skills and contributions. The people he worked with in the Sacramento Valley trusted not only the quality of his work, but also that he truly valued them and held their best interests in mind. He was considerate and respectful at all times and did everything with a deep kindness and consideration of others.

The FRRAWMP was originally conceived, designed, and developed by a team at Davids Engineering led by Byron and his unique drive and vision. He was also involved in preparing a 2015 update to the Plan, and most recently, in this 2020 update as well. The FRRAWMP has been a guide for water management in the Feather River region since its inception and will continue to be so into the future. It is one of many monuments that Byron leaves behind marking his impact not only on wise water management and responsible stewardship of our natural resources, but on the resource managers who had the opportunity to work with him and know him during his lifetime.

Byron's contributions to water management in the Sacramento Valley will long outlive him, but his calm and kind presence is already greatly missed.