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Trent Biggs, PhD
Associate Professor
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Re: AS-EPA's Participation in Assessing the Effectiveness of Mitigation

Dear Dr. Biggs,

I am writing in support of the proposal "Assessing the effectiveness of mitigation activities to reduce sediment load in Faga'alu watershed, American Samoa: Capacity building for on-island impact assessment." I acknowledge that the grant has specific tasks outlined for staff of American Samoa Environmental Protection Agency (ASEPA), and agree that we will:

1. Attend a 3-day workshop in July 2015 for training on equipment maintenance and data downloading
2. Download data and maintain the equipment specified in the grant from July 2015 to May 2016.
3. Obtain water samples from an autosampler for 3-5 storms during July 2015 to May 2016, and analyze the samples for suspended sediment concentration.

We are excited for the project, and look forward to working with San Diego State University and NFWF to monitor the effectiveness of sediment mitigation structures for protecting our valuable natural resources.

Sincerely,

Ameko Pato, Director