

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

Sunne McPeak

July 11, 2023

The County of Nevada Board of Supervisors takes great pleasure in recognizing Sunne McPeak, President and CEO of the California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF), for the significant support she provided to Nevada County in the development of its broadband environmental impact report (EIR), one of the first of its kind in California.

Sunne wrote an overview letter explaining the benefits of having a programmatic broadband EIR for both the County and internet service providers, outlining how it would streamline environmental approvals for broadband construction projects. This letter became a foundational reference document in the process of developing the EIR.

Subsequently, CETF awarded the County a \$50,000 grant to help fund the development of this important tool. To further support the project, Sunne attended several meetings with the County's Broadband Work Group and the County's project consultant to ensure everyone fully understood the program objectives.

CETF continues to be a statewide champion for broadband expansion, adoption and digital equity and we very much appreciate all the work they do.

The Board of Supervisors is grateful for Sunne and CETF's support for better broadband in Nevada County and looks forward to ongoing collaboration.

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