

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

Melinda Booth

January 24, 2023

The County of Nevada Board of Supervisors takes great pleasure in recognizing Melinda Booth for her significant contributions to the health of the Yuba River Watershed through her leadership at the South Yuba River Citizen's League (SYRCL).

Melinda began her time with SYRCL in 2011 as the Director of Development and Wild & Scenic Events. She became the Wild & Scenic Film Festival Director in 2014 and, under her leadership, grew this beloved community event in size and prestige. Today it is recognized as one of the most important film festivals of its kind in the nation. Melinda was promoted to Executive Director in 2017 where she served until early 2023.

Under Melinda's supervision, SYRCL's annual budget increased from \$2 million to \$12 million. By the end of her tenure, the organization had a staff of 28, and Melinda was a respected regional watershed ecology leader and influencer. She accomplished all of this even during the unpredictability of the COVID-19 pandemic.

During her time with SYRCL, Melinda built key partnerships with major stakeholders, including the Nature Conservancy, the U.S. Forest Service, the Nisenan and Washoe tribes, regional land trusts, Nevada Irrigation District, Yuba Water Agency, and even large construction companies such as Teichert and Western Aggregates, and many others.

She extended SYRCL's leadership of impactful projects to include meadow restoration at Donner Summit; forest health projects through the North Yuba Forest Partnership; local protection, monitoring and clean up throughout the Yuba River watershed and the Bear River; and restoration of the Lower Yuba, in Yuba County.

Melinda also has worked in education, conservation, research, and public outreach campaigns surrounding wildlife and iconic species like bears, wolves, and salmon in the American West. Having lived in the wildland urban interface, she is not only professionally motivated to protect and restore these areas, but she is also personally invested in the resilience of these areas.

The Board of Supervisors is grateful for Melinda's significant contributions and wishes her the best in the next phase of her journey.

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