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BOARD AGENDA MEMO

MEETING DATE: August 23, 2022

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Hardy Bullock, District 5

SUBJECT: Presentation and Request for Letter of Support for Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship Connected Communities Trails Mater Plan

RECOMMENDATION: Receive the presentation from the Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship Executive Director Greg Williams and approve a Letter of Support for the Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship Connected Communities Trails Master Plan and authorize the Chair to sign and submit the letter.

FUNDING: N/A

BACKGROUND: The Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that builds and maintains multiuse trails in the Sierra Buttes, Tahoe Plumas and Lassen national forests. The Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship's goal is to maintain, restore, and enhance trails in an environmentally sensitive and ecologically reasonable fashion while promoting the connection between the land and the people it by teaching stewardship, restoring historic trail routes and creating new paths to explore

The Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship Executive Director Greg Williams will provide the Board with a presentation on its Connected Communities Project and requesting the Board to consider a Letter of Support for the initiative. Specifically, the Connected Communities project is "...a visionary effort led in partnership with the US Forest Service, SBTS, and community partners to connect 15 mountain towns for economic prosperity through outdoor recreation – an \$887 billion industry. It will create a vision for a recreation-focused lifestyle through community investment, shared stewardship, economic opportunity, and important new local jobs, all benefiting economically disadvantaged communities in California's Plumas, Sierra, Butte, Lassen, and Nevada Counties as well as Washoe County, Nevada. Our work will include planning, environmental review, trail creation, and maintenance of trails. It is the intent of this project to diversify recreation throughout the region, provide economic stability as well as support fire recovery and prevention efforts. This project will create a learning landscape for outdoor and environmental education programs that include youth employment and volunteer participation. The end goal is to build the proposed Lost Sierra Route, paying homage to the region and the historic Gold Rush-era mail delivery route."

The Board of Supervisors adopted Recreation as a 2022 Priority Objective for the County. Currently staff is working on developing a Recreation & Resiliency Master Plan. As such, staff recommends the Board receive the presentation from the Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship Executive Director Greg Williams, approve a Letter of Support for the Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship Connected Communities Trails Master Plan to the extent that it does not conflict with the County's efforts to develop a Nevada County Recreation and Resiliency Master Plan, and authorize the Chair to sign and submit the letter. Included with this staff report are Letters of Support from Plumas County, Lassen County, and Sierra County.

Item Initiated: Jeffrey Thorsby, Senior Management Analyst
Approved: Julie Paterson Hunter, Clerk of the Board
Submittal Date: 8/11/2022