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February 10, 2016

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Nevada  
950 Maidu Avenue  
Nevada City, CA 95959

**DATE OF MEETING:** March 22, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Presentation by Elizabeth Martin, Sierra Fund, and representatives from California Department of Parks and Recreation regarding Malakoff Diggins State Park water quality improvement project.

**RECOMMENDATION:** No action requested-for information only.

**FUNDING:** None.

**BACKGROUND:**

Malakoff Diggins State Historic Park was once the site of our country's largest hydraulic gold mining operation. It also comprises 3,200 acres of beautiful forests, approximately 20 miles of scenic trails, camping and picnic facilities.

California State Parks, the Sierra Fund and the Nevada County Environmental Health Department have begun collaborating on a coordinated, model mercury assessment and cleanup project at Malakoff Diggins State Park. Today's presentation will feature representatives from each of these organizations to update the Board and the public on this project, which will improve water quality, restore vegetation, benefit recreational trails, increase visits to the State Park and boost tourism in Nevada County.

Respectfully submitted,

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