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BOARD AGENDA MEMO

MEETING DATE: July 14, 2026

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Hardy Bullock, District 5

SUBJECT: Certificate of Recognition Honoring the Castle Peak Avalanche Search and Rescue Efforts

RECOMMENDATION: Present the Certificate of Recognition.

FUNDING: N/A

BACKGROUND:

On February 17, 2026, an avalanche occurred in the Castle Peak area in Eastern Nevada County. A group of backcountry skiers and their guides were caught in the incident and crews were immediately dispatched to the area.

Under the leadership of the Nevada County Sheriff's Office, a coordinated and collaborative response mission was launched. During the ongoing blizzard, the Nevada County Sheriff's Office called on numerous partner agencies to support the complexities of the response; all while prioritizing the safety of every individual responding to the incident.

Ultimately, the mission response team included members of each of the following agencies: Nevada County Sheriff's Search and Rescue, Placer County Sheriff's Office, Tahoe Nordic Search and Rescue, Washoe County Sheriff's Office, Washoe County Search and Rescue, California's Governor's Office of Emergency Services, California Highway Patrol Air Operations, Care Flight Truckee, a service of REMSA Health, Sierra Avalanche Center, Pacific Gas & Electric, United States Forest Service, California State Parks, Truckee Fire Protection District, OpenSnow, Tahoe Donner's Alder Creek Adventure Center, Boreal Mountain Ski Resort, Truckee Tahoe Airport, Town of Truckee Office of Emergency Services, Truckee Police Department, Truckee Donner Land Trust, and the California National Guard.

Each representative from these partner agencies exemplified professionalism, resilience, integrity, and selfless service to the victims, their families, and the larger community. Their collective efforts reflected the highest ideals of search and rescue including placing service

above self, supporting one another in the face of adversity, and responding with courage, compassion, and determination when it mattered most.

Additionally, the mission was a testament to the strength of partnership and shared purpose to successfully serve our rural communities.

On behalf of the Nevada County Board of Supervisors, I am honored to bring forward this Certificate of Recognition to honor all those involved in the Castle Peak Avalanche Search and Rescue Efforts.

Sincerely,

Supervisor Hardy Bullock
District 5