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Mr. Taylor Cheim
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Re: Comment on Resolution T-17538

Dear Mr. Cheim,

This letter of support is regarding Resolution T-17538 for the November 10, 2016 Public Utilities Commission of the State of California agenda. On October 21, 2016 SED Corp, who is up for approval for grant funding in Resolution T-17538 from the California Advanced Series Fund (CASF) Rural and Regional Urban Consortia Account for its Gold Country Broadband Consortium program proposal, and Sierra Business Council submitted a letter of comment requesting that the Fiscal Agent of record for the portion of the Rural and Regional Consortia grant application covered in Resolution T-17538 be changed from SEDCorp to Sierra Business Council.

As such, we are sending this letter to you in support of changing the Fiscal Agent of record from SEDCorp to Sierra Business Council. We believe that the partnership between SedCorp and the Sierra Business Council is an excellent opportunity and in the best interest of both our region and its economic interests. Sierra Business Council is a well-established organization that has been serving our region for over 20 years with the mission to increase community vitality, economic prosperity, environmental quality and social fairness in the Sierra Nevada. SEDCorp and Sierra Business Council have discussed the Fiscal Agent responsibilities and have agreed to work together to transfer those responsibilities. Sierra Business Council is prepared to comply with all of the guidelines, requirements and conditions associated with the grant of CASF funds as specified in D11-06-038. The Sierra Business Council is prepared to ensure the completion of the work plan identified in Resolution T-17538.

We respectfully submit this letter of support and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dan Miller
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

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