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County of Nevada
Board of Supervisors
950 Maidu Avenue
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DATE OF MEETING: November 8, 2016

SUBJECT: Letter in Support of Sierra Business Council requesting that the Fiscal Agent of record for the portion of the Rural and Regional Consortia grant application covered in Resolution T-17538 on the November 10, 2016 Public Utilities Commission of The State of California agenda be changed from Sierra Economic Development Corporation (SEDCorp) to Sierra Business Council

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Letter of Support

FUNDING: N/A

BACKGROUND: Most recently, the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California (PUC) posted on their November 10, 2016 Agenda the Sierra Economic Development Corporation's (SEDCorp) Gold County Broadband Consortium (GCBC) program proposal for the portion of the Rural and Regional Consortia grant application of \$300,000 covered in Resolution T-17538 from the California Advanced Series Fund (CASF) Rural and Regional Urban Consortia Account. SEDCorp submitted its initial grant application indicating itself as the Fiscal Agent of Record. However since such time, SEDCorp and the Sierra Business Council have identified potential benefits of collaborating together on GCBC. And on October 21, 2016, SEDCorp and the Sierra Business Council submitted a jointly signed letter requesting that the GCBC fiscal agent be changed from SEDCorp to Sierra Business Council.

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. The Sierra Business Council is prepared to ensure the completion of the work plan identified in Resolution T-17538.

As such, I respectfully request that the Board approve this letter of comment that urges the PUC to change the Fiscal Agent of Record for the portion of the Rural and Regional Consortia grant application covered in Resolution T-17538 from SEDCorp to the Sierra Business Council.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ed Scofield". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "E".

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Board of Supervisor, District 2