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August 16, 2016

The Honorable Governor Jerry Brown
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Brown:

The Board of Supervisors would like to express our sincere gratitude for your political and financial support for the project to restore and reopen to the public the historic covered wood Bridge at Bridgeport, South Yuba River State Park in Nevada County. Thanks to your support we have achieved substantial progress thus far in restoring the Bridge. The project is proceeding on schedule, with the stabilization phase completed and restoration now underway. New engineering and architectural plans are in the final stage of completion.

As you know, the Bridgeport Bridge rehabilitation project was identified in the 5-year Infrastructure Plan in the 2014-15 State Budget for State Parks. \$1.3 million was included in the 2014-2015 State Budget to cover the original estimate to stabilize and fully restore and reopen the bridge. A new cost estimate of \$3.9 million was established following an extensive assessment of the work needed to completely renovate the Bridge. The \$2.6 million increase covers increased construction costs and a larger contingency fund due to the historic nature of the project.

It is our understanding that the balance of funding to complete the project, \$2.6 million, is currently programmed in the 2018-19 State Budget. However, we believe if the funding were available sooner the project can be completed before then. It is quite possible that construction may begin on the Bridge as soon as the river levels drop in 2017. Having the funding encumbered and ready for the construction phase may help speed up the extensive permitting process. Therefore, we are requesting the additional \$2.6 million funding needed to complete the Bridge project be included in the 2017-2018 State budget.

This is a legacy project that will assure that this iconic structure will be available for many future generations of Californians to explore and enjoy long after our time. With your support we can walk with you across our newly reopened Bridge while you are still in office in 2018.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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Sincerely,



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Chairman, Board of Supervisors

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