



Truckee Library Joint Powers Authority



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Chair Suzanne Jones, Placer County Board of Supervisors
175 Fulweiler Avenue
Auburn, CA 95603

Dear Chair Jones and Honorable Board of Supervisors,

We are writing today on the behalf of the new Truckee Library Joint Powers Authority (JPA) to share our goal of building a new Regional Library in the Truckee River Regional Park, approximately 1 mile north of the Nevada County/Placer County Boundary. In addition, Nevada County, as the provider of library services, is also writing to affirm our commitment to exploring a regional approach to the delivery of library services in the Tahoe-Truckee region of Eastern Placer and Nevada Counties. Our alignment with Placer County is essential to us, and as such, we seek your Board's support of these intentions.

A new regional library facility has been a long-time goal of the County of Nevada, Town of Truckee, Friends of the Truckee Library, and the community. The proposed new regional library will serve both Nevada County residents and Placer County residents who access their library services in Truckee. The proposed new facility will enhance the significant benefits libraries offered to constituents, including providing access to books, educational programming, access to computers, workspace, career resources, community gathering spaces, as well as address other community priorities such as disaster resilience and workforce development. The current Truckee library was built in 1975 when Truckee's population was 2,000 and has a maximum capacity of 54 people. Today, that same library serves over 200 people a day. A larger space is needed to maintain basic operations and provide a range of programming for the region.

In conjunction with the development of the new regional Library facility, Nevada County is committed to continued discussions with Placer County to explore a regional services delivery model. The primary goals of this collaboration would be to enhance programming and facility access for residents in Eastern Placer and Eastern Nevada Counties and promote efficient service delivery for each of the respective jurisdictions. Through collaborative grant applications and discussions about the new regional library facility, staff have begun to explore possibilities.

In January 2024, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors and the Truckee Town Council executed a Joint Powers Authority Agreement (JPA) for the new Truckee Library, and these entities serve as the initial members of the JPA. The JPA formation documents also provides the option for additional members to join the JPA should there be mutual interest of the JPA and other parties for that to occur.



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The JPA is responsible for constructing and maintaining the new regional library and acquiring land tenure for the facility. Active dialogue with the Truckee Donner Recreation and Park District (TDRPD) has been occurring towards the goal of constructing the library within the Truckee River Regional Park.

The JPA is also actively collaborating with community partners to secure financing for the construction and maintenance of the new regional library. This includes actively pursuing grant funding, pursuit of donor funding through a capital campaign being led by the Friends of the Truckee Library, and consideration of a bond measure targeted to be placed on the ballot in calendar year 2025. The JPA has the authority to issue debt as a potential source of financing for the project, and the JPA partners believe that the appropriate geographic area for this bond measure to apply to would be generally as shown in attached Exhibit 1. This includes properties in the Town of Truckee; unincorporated Eastern Nevada County; and the Donner Lake, Sierra Meadows, Martis Valley, and Northstar areas of unincorporated Eastern Placer County. The JPA partners are seeking feedback from the Placer County Board of Supervisors on supporting these portions of Placer County to being given the opportunity to be included in, and vote on, a future bond measure for the construction of the regional library.

Collaborating toward enhanced regional library services builds on a foundation of our existing successful regional partnerships, including collaboration in addressing workforce housing, sheltering, and the shared delivery of health and human services. We are grateful to Placer County and your dedicated staff who have partnered on these endeavors, including their ongoing participation in planning for the New Truckee Regional Library. We look forward to moving ahead in this spirit and action of partnership on this exciting project and look forward to receiving feedback from the Placer County Board of Supervisors on this issue.

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