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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: February 26, 2019

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Richard Anderson, District V Supervisor**

SUBJECT: Letter of Support for the Yuba Watershed Forest Collaborative

RECOMMENDATION: Approve and authorize the Chair to sign and submit the attached Letter of Support for the Yuba Watershed Forest Collaborative.

FUNDING: N/A

BACKGROUND:

The South Yuba River Citizen's League (SYRCL) is partnering with the Camptonville Community Partnership, Yuba Water Agency, and the Tahoe National Forest, referred to as the Yuba Watershed Forest Collaborative, to catalyze landscape-scale planning and implementation for forest and watershed health projects across the Yuba River watershed. The project will also expand the local forest product industry, which will serve as an economically and environmentally viable means of disposal for excess forest biomass residuals and non-merchantable timber.

Specifically, their proposal includes hiring two employees over a period of four years to work across the watershed to provide technical support and community and stakeholder engagement through facilitated meetings where landowners, public agencies, private industry, and the general public can work together to cultivate high-priority forest and watershed health and forest product projects. The intended impact of the projects are anticipated to provide environmental, social, and economic benefits that increase the pace and scale of forest and watershed improvements in the Yuba River watershed. The project would be funded via a grant from the Department of Conservation, Division of Land Resources Protection.

I request that the Board approve and authorize the Chair to sign and submit the attached Letter of Support as it aligns with the Board's Priority A objective to reduce the risk of local wildfire and the effects of wildfire on life, property and the environment.

Cordially,


Richard Anderson
Chair, Board of Supervisors