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February 14, 2017

Honorable Board of Supervisors
Eric Rood Administrative Center
950 Maidu Avenue
Nevada City, CA 95959

DATE OF MEETING: February 14, 2017

SUBJECT: Letter of Support for Pines to Mines Trail

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Attached Letter

FUNDING: Not applicable.

BACKGROUND:

Trails advocates on both the west and east sides of Nevada County have come up with the extraordinary idea of linking Nevada City and Truckee with an approximately 80-mile multiuse, non-motorized trail that will span the Sierra Nevada. This trail has the potential of becoming a notable, perhaps even nationally significant recreational amenity that will draw visitors to Nevada County while also benefitting local businesses and residents here who enjoy the outdoors.

Much of this "Pines to Mines" trail is already in place. About 14 miles between the Lola Montez Lakes and Eagle Lakes needs to be constructed to connect the eastern and western sections of our county. On the far west end of the trail, another segment would connect Nevada City with Harmony Ridge. Four Nevada County nonprofits, the Bear Yuba Land Trust, Bicyclists of Nevada County, Gold Country Trails Council, and the Truckee Trails Foundation, are partnering to implement this visionary project. Because they will need to raise significant amounts of money to see this project through to completion, we request that the Board approve the attached letter of support, which will help them in their efforts.

Richard Anderson
Supervisor, District 5

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RE: Pines to Mines Trail

To Whom It May Concern,

The Nevada County Board of Supervisors would like to express their support for the proposed Pines To Mines Trail, a multiuse, non-motorized trail connection between the Nevada County municipalities of Truckee and Nevada City. The trail will be suitable for use by hikers, equestrians, and mountain bikers.

The Pines To Mines Trail, when completed, will be an approximately 80 mile route that offers both single and multi-day excursions across Nevada County's most beautiful mountain landscapes. Utilizing portions of the Trout Creek Canyon Trail, the Donner Lake Rim Trail, the Hole In The Ground Trail, the Spaulding Lake Trail, and the Pioneer Trail, approximately 14 miles of new construction will be required to create a single connection. On the far west end of the trail, a segment between Harmony Ridge and Nevada City will then link the trail into a single cohesive whole.

Four Nevada County nonprofits—Bear Yuba Land Trust, Bicyclists of Nevada County, Gold Country Trails Council, and the Truckee Trails Foundation—have partnered to make this project a reality.

When completed, the Pines To Mines Trail will promote tourism that will directly and indirectly benefit small businesses within the county—an objective of the Nevada County Board of Supervisors. As a recreational amenity, it will add to the quality of life of those who live here and enjoy trails, and in so doing it could well serve as a feature that attracts new businesses along with entrepreneurs who value the outdoors.

The Pines to Mines Trail will also enhance the public's understanding of the pioneer history of Nevada County, and will enhance, too, their appreciation for Sierra geology, topography, and the varied alpine-to-foothills habitats that span this notable section of California's most significant mountain range.

The Nevada County Board of Supervisors very much appreciates the collaborative effort between the Bear Yuba Land Trust, Bicyclists of Nevada County, Gold Country Trails Council, and the Truckee Trails Foundation, and look forward to the successful implementation of their Pines to Mines Trail—an extraordinary, visionary project.

Sincerely,

Hank Weston
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Copied to: Bear Yuba Land Trust; Bicyclists of Nevada County; Gold Country Trails Council; Truckee Trails Foundation

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