

**Sierra County
Board of Supervisors'
Agenda Transmittal &
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MEETING DATE: June 2, 2020	TYPE OF AGENDA ITEM: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Timed <input type="checkbox"/> Consent
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DEPARTMENT: Board of Supervisors
APPROVING PARTY: Paul Roen, District 3
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AGENDA ITEM: Approval of letter to the Wildlife Conservation Board in support of the North Yuba Forest Partnership (NYFP).

SUPPORTIVE DOCUMENTS ATTACHED: Memo Resolution Agreement Other
Letter

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

FUNDING SOURCE:
GENERAL FUND IMPACT: No General Fund Impact
OTHER FUND:
AMOUNT: \$ N/A

ARE ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL REQUIRED? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, -- -- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	IS THIS ITEM ALLOCATED IN THE BUDGET? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No IS A BUDGET TRANSFER REQUIRED? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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BOARD ACTION: <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Approved as amended <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted as amended <input type="checkbox"/> Denied <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> No Action Taken	<input type="checkbox"/> Set public hearing For: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Direction to: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Referred to: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Continued to: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Authorization given to: _____	Resolution 2020- _____ Agreement 2020- _____ Ordinance _____ Vote: Ayes: Noes: Abstain: Absent: <input type="checkbox"/> By Consensus
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COMMENTS:

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June 2, 2020

Wildlife Conservation Board
Attn: John P Donnelly, Executive Director
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Sacramento, CA 94244-2090

Re: North Yuba Forest Partnership (NYFP)

Dear Mr. Donnelly:

Sierra County is one of the founding partners of the North Yuba Forest Partnership (NYFP) and is a signatory to the partnership's Memorandum of Understanding. We share NYFP goals of improving and restoring forest health and resilience, reducing the risk of high-severity wildfire, protecting and securing water supplies, and protecting habitat and communities from the effects of high-severity wildfire. We credit the diverse partnership effort as key to collaboratively plan, fundraise, and implement at the pace and scale that our headwater forests require of us.

Healthy and resilient forests of the Sierra Nevada provide exceptional biodiversity habitat, clean and abundant water, carbon storage, and important recreation opportunities. Most importantly, healthy and resilient forests are a prerequisite for healthy and resilient communities. Throughout the Sierra Nevada, declining forest health and climate change threaten these values and investment is needed to preserve the natural benefits. Sierra County supports ecologically sound, large-scale, and science-based restoration approaches to reducing the risk of catastrophic fire.

We encourage the Wildlife Conservation Board to fund the NYFP landscape scale planning effort. Planning support is more difficult to secure than implementation support. To fund implementation, the partnership plans to use the Forest Resilience Bond to secure funds and has applied to the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program (CFLRP). The proposal has advanced to the final CFLRP review stage and if approved would provide significant funding for implementation and monitoring, yet both the Forest Resilience Bond and CFLRP provide no financial support for planning. We hope you provide support to the NYFP – it is an innovative effort to restore the health and resilience of the North Yuba watershed and will provide a model for creating landscape-scale change throughout the Sierra Nevada.

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