

Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG) Joint Powers Authority Agenda

Friday, August 12, 2022, 8:30 a.m.

Meeting to be held in the Bishop Council Chambers and the Mammoth Lakes Council Chambers Bishop Council Chambers 377 West Line Street, Bishop, CA 93514 Mammoth Lakes Council Chambers 437 Old Mammoth Rd., Ste Z Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

### Members of the Board

Town of Mammoth Lakes Councilmember John Wentworth - Chair, Inyo County Supervisor Dan Totheroh - Vice Chair, City of Bishop Councilmember Karen Schwartz, Mono County Supervisor Stacy Corless, Mono County Supervisor Bob Gardner, Inyo County Supervisor Jeff Griffiths, City of Bishop Councilmember Jim Ellis, Town of Mammoth Lakes Councilmember Lynda Salcido

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

# 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

# 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Notice to the Public: This time is set aside to receive public comment on matters not calendared on the agenda. When recognized by the Chair, please state your name and address for the record and please limit your comments to three minutes. Under California law the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments Board is prohibited from generally discussing or taking action on items not included in the agenda; however, the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments or questions from members of the public. Therefore, the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments Board will listen to all public comment but will not generally discuss the matter or take action on it.

### 4. CONSENT AGENDA

- 4.1. Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 10, 2022
- 4.2. Approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of July 8, 2022
- 4.3. Approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 5, 2022
- 4.4. Consideration of a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments Regarding the Need for Continued Virtual Meetings to Protect Public Health AB 361

### 5. POLICY MATTERS

- 5.1. Discussion Regarding ESCOG Staff and Funding Capacity
- 5.2. Approval of Bid for Implementation of the Buttermilk Infrastructure and Recreation Planning Initiative Phase 1: Toilet Facilities Replacement
- 5.3. Approval of Request for Proposals for Towns to Trails Plan
- 5.4. Consideration to Adopt a Resolution of the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments to Establish a Program of Work to be Known as the "ESCOG: Economic Resiliency Pilot Program"
- 5.5. Executive Director update report on Sustainable Recreation and Ecosystem Management Program

# 6. BOARD MEMBER/AGENCY REPORTS

Informational reports from Member Agency representatives on committees, commissions, and organizations; general reports on Board Member activities

# 7. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

# 8. ADJOURNMENT

The ESCOG will adjourn to the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on October 14, 2022.



### Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG) - Joint Powers Authority (JPA)

### Minutes of Regular Meeting

### June 10, 2022, 8:30 a.m. Meeting to be held in the Bishop Council Chambers and the Mammoth Lakes Council Chambers Bishop Council Chambers 377 West Line Street, Bishop, CA 93514 Mammoth Lakes Council Chambers 437 Old Mammoth Rd., Ste Z Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

Members Present: Chair John Wentworth, Vice Chair Dan Totheroh, Board Member Karen Schwartz, Board Member Stacy Corless, Board Member Bob Gardner, Board Member Jeff Griffiths, Board Member Jim Ellis, Board Member Lynda Salcido

### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair John Wentworth called the meeting to order at 8:38 a.m. in the Bishop Council Chambers, 377 West Line Street, Bishop, CA 93514. Chair Wentworth, Vice Chair Dan Totheroh and Board Members Karen Schwartz, Stacy Corless, Jeff Griffiths, Jim Ellis and Lynda Salcido attended the meeting in person. Board Member Bob Gardner attended via videoconference.

#### 2. <u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u>

Vice Chair Dan Totheroh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments given at this time.

#### 4. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Board Member Jeff Griffiths Seconded by Board Member Stacy Corless

Approve the Consent Agenda

For (7): Chair John Wentworth, Vice Chair Dan Totheroh, Board Member Karen Schwartz, Board Member Stacy Corless, Board Member Jeff Griffiths, Board Member Jim Ellis, and Board Member Lynda Salcido

Abstain (1): Board Member Bob Gardner

Carried (7 to 0)

- 4.1 Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 1, 2022
- 4.2 Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 8, 2022
- 4.3 Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 6, 2022
- 4.4 <u>Ratify Letter of Support for the Inyo County Eastern Sierra Rural</u> Jobs Accelerator Partnership Application for a Rural Innovation Stronger Economy Grant

#### 5. POLICY MATTERS

5.1 <u>Receive a presentation from Mr. John Urdi, Executive Director -</u> <u>Mammoth Lakes Tourism and Ms. Ashely Helms, Deputy Director,</u> <u>Airports – Inyo County regarding the Eastern Sierra Regional Airport</u> (BIH)

Mammoth Lakes Tourism Executive Director John Urdi outlined the information in the 2021 Air Service Recap PowerPoint presentation.

Board Member Bob Gardner left the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Inyo County Deputy Director, Airports Ashely Helms outlined the information in the Bishop Airport (Eastern Sierra Regional Airport - BIH).

There was discussion between Mr. Urdi, Ms. Helms and members of the Board.

### 5.2 <u>Receive a presentation from Ms. Kristin York - Vice President, Sierra</u> <u>Business Council regarding the Community Economic Resiliency</u> <u>Fund</u>

Sierra Business Council (SBC) Vice President Kristin York outlined the information in the Eastern Sierra Region Community Economic Resilience Fund (CERF) PowerPoint presentation.

Board Member Stacy Corless reported that she was now an employee of SBC and was currently working on a limited time basis as their Government and Community Affairs Director while she finishes out her term as a Mono County Supervisor. Ms. Corless said that she looked forward to being involved with CERF, and stated that at this time there was no legal conflict.

There was discussion between Ms. York and members of the Board.

### 5.3 <u>1. Discussion and Direction Regarding a Resolution of the Eastern</u> <u>Sierra Council of Governments to Establish a Program of Work to be</u> <u>known as the "ESCOG: Economic Resiliency Program" and</u>

### 2. Consider a Collective Partnership Agreement Letter for Participation in the Community Economic Resiliency Fund Planning Process

Executive Director Elaine Kabala outlined the information in the staff report.

SPEAKING FROM THE FLOOR:

Inyo County County Administrative Officer (CAO) Leslie Chapman reported that the County's overarching concern was the broadness of the original resolution that Ms. Kabala had presented, however, she said that they saw the regional need for economic development which would take place. Ms. Chapman complimented Ms. Kabala on communicating the results of their meeting.

Board Member Karen Schwartz left the meeting at 9:58 a.m.

Town of Mammoth Lakes (TOML) Town Manager Dan Holler shared similar concerns as Ms. Chapman, as well as concerns about staff's capacity to be able to perform the required level of work. Mr. Holler said that additional discussions were needed to consider options as to how they could provide the necessary staff capacity. He said that the Member Agencies would not be obligated to provide additional funding at this time because it was unknown at this point what that would be. He said that he had spoken with Ms. Kabala and Mono County County Administrative Office (CAO) Bob Lawton with regard to alternatives for staffing. Mr. Holler said that the application from SBC was due in late July and that he was not sure how long it would take to work through the approval process.

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Ms. Kabala said that she was not looking for the Board to approve the resolution today, it was provided for reference and feedback. She said that staff was looking for direction to meet with regional CAOs to finalize the resolution and to work through the organizational capacity issues that Mr. Holler had discussed. She reported that there was a significant grant opportunity available to restart the Broadband Consortium and that they may want to roll that into the Economic Development resolution to get Member Agency approval to do so. Ms. Kabala announced that the City of Bishop was currently advertising for a Senior Planner which would give her more time to invest in the ESCOG, and said that there were some thoughts towards more partnership within the Member Agencies that would support additional staff capacity for the ESCOG.

There was discussion between Ms. Chapman, Mr. Holler, Legal Counsel Grace Chuchla, Ms. Kabala, and members of the Board.

CONSENSUS: There was consensus from the Board to not take action today, and to hold a special meeting in July to allow staff to bring back additional information and seek approval at that time.

### 5.4 <u>Discussion and Adoption of the ESCOG JPA Fiscal Year 2022/23</u> <u>Budget</u>

Executive Director Elaine Kabala outlined the information in the staff report. Ms. Kabala reported that there was a modification to the budget as presented. She said that under revenues, the \$370k Buttermilk Infrastructure and Recreation Planning (BIRPI) grant had been rolled into the Rural Counties of Representatives of California (RCRC) line of credit in error, the RCRC line of credit was received last year and should not be represented in the Fiscal Year 2022/23 Budget.

There was discussion between Ms. Kabala and members of the Board.

Moved by Board Member Lynda Salcido Seconded by Board Member Stacy Corless

Adopt the ESCOG JPA Fiscal Year 2022/23 Budget as modified.

For (6): Chair John Wentworth, Vice Chair Dan Totheroh, Board Member Stacy Corless, Board Member Jeff Griffiths, Board Member Jim Ellis, and Board Member Lynda Salcido

Absent (2): Board Member Karen Schwartz, and Board Member Bob Gardner

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Carried (6 to 0)

### 5.5 <u>Approval of an Agreement with the Sierra Nevada Conservancy for</u> the Eastern Sierra Towns to Trails Project

Executive Director Elaine Kabala outlined the information in the staff report.

There was discussion between Ms. Kabala and members of the Board.

Moved by Board Member Jeff Griffiths Seconded by Vice Chair Dan Totheroh

Approve Agreement with the Sierra Nevada Conservancy for the Eastern Sierra Towns to Trails Project

For (6): Chair John Wentworth, Vice Chair Dan Totheroh, Board Member Stacy Corless, Board Member Jeff Griffiths, Board Member Jim Ellis, and Board Member Lynda Salcido

Absent (2): Board Member Karen Schwartz, and Board Member Bob Gardner

Carried (6 to 0)

### 5.6 <u>Approval of Bid Information for Implementation of the Buttermilk</u> <u>Infrastructure and Recreation Planning Initiative Phase 1: Toilet</u> <u>Facilities Replacement</u>

Executive Director Elaine Kabala outlined the information in the staff report.

There was discussion between Ms. Kabala and members of the Board.

Moved by Vice Chair Dan Totheroh Seconded by Board Member Jim Ellis

Approve the plans and specifications and authorize staff to prepare and publish notice of bids for the installation of a double vault toilet in the Buttermilk recreation area in partnership with the Inyo National Forest (INF).

For (6): Chair John Wentworth, Vice Chair Dan Totheroh, Board Member Stacy Corless, Board Member Jeff Griffiths, Board Member Jim Ellis, and Board Member Lynda Salcido

Absent (2): Board Member Karen Schwartz, and Board Member Bob Gardner

Carried (6 to 0)

### 5.7 <u>Consideration of a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the</u> <u>Eastern Sierra Council of Governments Regarding the Need for</u> <u>Continued Virtual Meetings to Protect Public Health – AB 361</u>

Executive Director Elaine Kabala outlined the information in the staff report.

There was discussion between Ms. Kabala and members of the Board.

CONSENSUS: There was consensus from staff to hold the next regular meeting in Mammoth Lakes.

Moved by Board Member Jeff Griffiths Seconded by Board Member Stacy Corless

Adopt the resolution regarding virtual meetings for the protection of public health pursuant to Assembly Bill (AB) 361.

For (6): Chair John Wentworth, Vice Chair Dan Totheroh, Board Member Stacy Corless, Board Member Jeff Griffiths, Board Member Jim Ellis, and Board Member Lynda Salcido

Absent (2): Board Member Karen Schwartz, and Board Member Bob Gardner

Carried (6 to 0)

### 5.8 <u>Executive Director update report on Sustainable Recreation and</u> <u>Ecosystem Management Program</u>

Executive Director Elaine Kabala said that a couple of grant opportunities were announced after the agenda had been published, the first of which was the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Account grant. Ms. Kabala reported that the proposal for this grant was due on July 15th and that there was \$10.71M available in the next fiscal year which would allow for an

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expansion of Consortia activities. She said that Inyo County County Administrative Officer (CAO) Leslie Chapman, the Regional Managers, and the Information Technology (IT) Directors from Inyo and Mono Counties all came together in support of the grant and reestablishing the Inyo Mono Broadband Consortium. She said that the IT staff from Inyo and Mono Counties would work together to put together a project proposal to apply for the grant which would require formal approval from the ESCOG Board in order to submit it and requested that if there were general support for this grant that they schedule a special meeting on July 11th or July 13th to review and approve the proposal.

Legal Counsel Grace Chuchla recommended that a program of work regarding economic development be put in place that would include the broadband component. Ms. Chuchla said that if there were time constraints, there was the option of having the Member Agencies approve a resolution allowing the ESCOG to do this first, and then the ESCOG adopt a resolution later.

#### SPEAKING FROM THE FLOOR:

Ms. Chapman reported that the CASF grant would provide up to \$200k per year for two years and could be used to fund the Project Coordinator for all the broadband regional work that had to be done. Ms. Chapman said that holding a special meeting on July 13th would make it very tight for staff since the proposal is due on July 15th and was required to be submitted by a consortium.

Ms. Kabala provided a PACE and Scale Accelerator update, said that the next Wildfire Academy would take place on June 20th at 6:00 p.m., and said that the second grant opportunity that was announced after the agenda was published was from the Strategic Growth Counsel (SGC) for the Regional Climate and Collaboratives (RCC) Program for capacity building for under resourced communities in California, which Inyo County would be eligible for and Mono County would not, however, under the ESCOG JPA they could use the funds to implement programs across the ESCOG's jurisdiction and spoke about the types of programs the funds could be used for. She said that the project proposal was due on July 15th and that she was looking for the Board's general support to determine if they would like her to move forward with a proposal and would circle back with the Member Agencies individually to determine what the proposal would look like.

Chair John Wentworth recommended that a Board Member representing each of the member agencies meet with staff to discuss the SGC RCC opportunity and give staff direction with regard to moving forward with the grant.

Board Member Lynda Salcido suggested that an ad hoc committee be created moving forward to be available to Ms. Kabala to quickly review last minute opportunities that come up between meetings to give her feedback as to whether or not the ESCOG would like to look at them before the next regular scheduled meeting.

There was discussion between Ms. Chapman, Ms. Chuchla, Ms. Kabala and members of the Board.

#### 6. BOARD MEMBER/AGENCY REPORTS

There were no reports given.

### 7. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items requested.

#### 8. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m. to a special meeting with the date to be determined at a later time.

Angela Plaisted, Assistant Clerk

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### Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG) - Joint Powers Authority (JPA)

### Minutes of Special Meeting

### July 8, 2022, 8:30 a.m. 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite Z, Mammoth Lakes

Members Present:	Chair John Wentworth, Vice Chair Dan Totheroh, Board Member Bob Gardner, Board Member Jeff Griffiths, Board Member Jim Ellis, Board Member Lynda Salcido
Members Absent:	Board Member Karen Schwartz, Board Member Stacy Corless

### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair John Wentworth called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. in the Council Chamber at 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite Z. Members of the Board attended the meeting via videoconference.

#### 2. <u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u>

County of Inyo Director of Information Services Scott Armstrong led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments given at this time.

#### 4. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Board Member Lynda Salcido Seconded by Board Member Jeff Griffiths

Approve Consent Agenda.

For (5): Vice Chair Dan Totheroh, Board Member Bob Gardner, Board Member Jeff Griffiths, Board Member Jim Ellis, and Board Member Lynda Salcido

Abstain (1): Chair John Wentworth

Absent (2): Board Member Karen Schwartz, and Board Member Stacy Corless

#### Carried (5 to 0)

- 4.1 <u>Approve a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Sierra</u> <u>Council of Governments Regarding the Need for Continued Virtual</u> <u>Meetings to Protect Public Health – AB 361</u>
- 4.2 <u>Approve Letter of Support for Application #1424 "Eastern Sierra</u> <u>Sustainable Recreation Partnership (ESSRP) Support"</u>

#### 5. POLICY MATTERS

5.1 <u>Adoption of a Resolution to Re-establish the Inyo-Mono Broadband</u> <u>Consortium and Direction to Submit an Application for Funding to</u> <u>the California Advanced Services Fund Consortia Grant Account</u>

Executive Director Elaine Kabala outlined the information in the staff report.

SPEAKING FROM THE FLOOR:

County of Inyo Director of Information Services Scott Armstrong spoke about the hiring procedure for a Regional Broadband Coordinator for the Inyo-Mono Broadband Consortium if the Consortium were to be reestablished.

There was discussion between Ms. Kabala and members of the Board.

Moved by Board Member Bob Gardner Seconded by Board Member Jeff Griffiths

1) Adopt a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments Approving a Program of Work for the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments Related to the Inyo-Mono Broadband Consortium; 2) Direct the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments/Inyo-Mono Broadband Consortium to apply for broadband consortia funding allocated under the California Advanced Services Fund, and 3) Authorize the Chair to Sign the California Advanced Services Fund application package on behalf of the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments/Inyo-Mono Broadband Consortium.

For (6): Chair John Wentworth, Vice Chair Dan Totheroh, Board Member Bob Gardner, Board Member Jeff Griffiths, Board Member Jim Ellis, and Board Member Lynda Salcido Absent (2): Board Member Karen Schwartz, and Board Member Stacy Corless

Carried (6 to 0)

### 5.2 <u>Approval of a Collective Partnership Agreement Letter to Participate</u> in the California Community Economic Resiliency Fund Process

Executive Director Elaine Kabala outlined the information in the staff report.

There was discussion between Ms. Kabala and members of the Board.

Moved by Board Member Bob Gardner Seconded by Board Member Jim Ellis

Approve the California Community Economic Resiliency Fund (CERF) Collective Partnership Agreement Letter and authorize staff to submit it to the Sierra Business Council (SBC).

For (6): Chair John Wentworth, Vice Chair Dan Totheroh, Board Member Bob Gardner, Board Member Jeff Griffiths, Board Member Jim Ellis, and Board Member Lynda Salcido

Absent (2): Board Member Karen Schwartz, and Board Member Stacy Corless

Carried (6 to 0)

### 5.3 <u>Discussion and Direction to Submit a Proposal Application for the</u> <u>Strategic Growth Council Regional Climate Collaborative Program</u>

Executive Director Elaine Kabala outlined the information in the staff report.

There was discussion between Ms. Kabala and members of the Board.

Moved by Board Member Jeff Griffiths Seconded by Board Member Bob Gardner

Authorize staff to submit a Proposal Application for the Strategic Growth Council Regional Climate Collaborative Program. For (6): Chair John Wentworth, Vice Chair Dan Totheroh, Board Member Bob Gardner, Board Member Jeff Griffiths, Board Member Jim Ellis, and Board Member Lynda Salcido

Absent (2): Board Member Karen Schwartz, and Board Member Stacy Corless

Carried (6 to 0)

### 6. BOARD MEMBER/AGENCY REPORTS

Board Member Lynda Salcido reported that the Town of Mammoth Lakes Town Council had approved the Limelight Hotel moving forward, approved the agreement between TOML and the Mammoth Lakes Foundation (MLF) to move ahead with the Town assuming control of the theater to assist with it starting to operate again, and approved an agreement for land planning to develop a childcare center, dog park, and possibly an area for snow storage.

Chair John Wentworth said that the Mono County partners would need to check in on the Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD) conversation and get something in place with the MMSA Base Lodge Redevelopment to get money for housing. Chair Wentworth said The Parcel project was moving forward and that the 4th of July parade was a success.

Board Member Jim Ellis reported that a representative from Frontier presented at a recent Bishop City Council meeting to explain what they were doing in the Bishop area to improve broadband service. Mr. Ellis discussed the need for Bishop to participate in the IMBC in addition to the Frontier improvements. He spoke about the recent League of California Cities meeting in Mammoth and said that he was impressed by the model of The Parcel project that had been presented and said he would like additional information about it.

Ms. Salcido reported that Mammoth Mountain Ski Area (MMSA) had recently purchased the Sierra Lodge and would convert it into thirty-six 36 units for employee housing.

Vice Chair Dan Totheroh said that he was excited about the Frontier project in Bishop and said that it would exclude the Sierra Foothill Communities.

Board Member Bob Gardner reported that the Mono County Board of Supervisors (MCBOS) approved a temporary continuation of cannabis delivery in Mono County, and suggested that there be regionwide review of all the cannabis policies across the four jurisdiction to see what each agency was doing.

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Mr. Gardner said that the MCBOS had approved a moratorium on Short Term Rentals (STRs) and said staff was looking at ways to provide exemptions, for example, if someone were to build two workforce housing units, they could receive approval for a STR in the County, not in the Town. He said that the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) decision regarding Keep Long Valley Green had been reversed, and announced that there would be a Children's Summit in Mono County on July 13th, and said that a Children's Wellbeing dashboard had been created on the Mono County website and said that he would like to expand similar programs throughout the region.

Board Member Jeff Griffiths said that the Children's Summit sounded great and requested additional information from Mr. Gardner about how it was set up. Mr. Griffiths reported that Inyo County had lost several childcare slots over the past six months to a year leaving few options for parents to place their children and said through First 5 they were focusing on developing and retaining childcare slots. He expanded on the details of what Frontier had offered with regard to broadband service in the greater Bishop, greater Big Pine and greater Lone Pine areas and reported that they were currently hanging fiber wires for the project and said that Suddenlink had asked for a meeting with the County the day after Frontier had presented and wanted to work with them. Mr. Griffiths said that Inyo County put in rules for the property tax appeal process and suggested that a regional appeal board between Inyo and Mono Counties with a more citizen based model would be more appropriate rather than having the Board of Supervisors sit as the Assessment Appeal Board.

There was discussion among members of the Board.

### 7. <u>REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS</u>

There was discussion between Executive Director Elaine Kabala and members of the Board.

The next regular meeting of the ESCOG will include a Resolution for Economic Development, representation from the local City Administrative Officers (CAOs) regarding staffing and to ensure that the ESCOG has capacity for the CERF and Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) programs.

# 8. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 a.m.

Angela Plaisted, Assistant Clerk

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### Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG) - Joint Powers Authority (JPA)

### Minutes of Special Meeting

### August 5, 2022, 8:30 a.m. 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite Z, Mammoth Lakes

Members Present:	Chair John Wentworth, Vice Chair Dan Totheroh, Board Member Karen Schwartz, Board Member Bob Gardner, Board Member Jeff Griffiths, Board Member Jim Ellis
Members Absent:	Board Member Stacy Corless, Board Member Lynda Salcido

### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair John Wentworth called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. in the Council Chamber at 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite Z Mammoth Lakes. Members of the Board attended the meeting via videoconference.

#### 2. <u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u>

Board Member Jeff Griffiths led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments given at this time.

#### 4. ASSEMBLY BILL 361 (AB 361) FINDINGS

### 4.1 <u>Consideration of A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the</u> <u>Eastern Sierra Council of Governments Regarding the Need for</u> <u>Continued Virtual Meetings to Protect Public Health</u>

Executive Director Elaine Kabala outlined the information in the staff report.

There was discussion between Ms. Kabala and members of the Board.

Moved by Board Member Bob Gardner Seconded by Board Member Jim Ellis Adopt the resolution regarding virtual meetings for the protection of public health pursuant to AB 361.

For (6): Chair John Wentworth, Vice Chair Dan Totheroh, Board Member Karen Schwartz, Board Member Bob Gardner, Board Member Jeff Griffiths, and Board Member Jim Ellis

Absent (2): Board Member Stacy Corless, and Board Member Lynda Salcido

Carried (6 to 0)

#### 5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 a.m. to the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on August 12, 2022.

Angela Plaisted, Assistant Clerk

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#### RESOLUTION NO. 2022-\_\_\_\_

#### A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EASTERN SIERRA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS REGARDING THE NEED FOR CONTINUED VIRTUAL MEETINGS TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to threaten the health and safety of communities within ESCOG's jurisdiction since its inception in March 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Newsom has declared a state of emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Health Officers for Inyo and Mono Counties have recommended social distancing and continued virtual meetings as a means to limit the spread of COVID-19, particularly the highly contagious Delta variant. These recommendations are attached hereto as Exhibit A.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of ESCOG that

- 1. The Board has considered the circumstances of the state of emergency related to COVID-19 and declared by Governor Newsom.
- 2. The Board finds that the above-mentioned state of emergency directly impacts the ability of ESCOG to meet safely in person because in person meetings, particularly with the public present, increase the likelihood that COVID-19 will be transmitted throughout the community.
- 3. Local officials—specifically the Health Officers of Inyo and Mono Counties continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2022 by the following vote:

AYES: NOES: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:

ATTEST: \_

Secretary

John Wentworth Chairperson

#### Exhibit A



# MONO COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT Public Health

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Bryan Wheeler, Director of Public Health

Re: Recommendation regarding Social Distancing and Virtual Meetings

Both Mono County "covering" Health Officer Dr. Rick Johnson and I strongly recommend that physical/social distancing measures continue to be practiced throughout our Mono County communities, including at meetings of the Board of Supervisors and other County-related legislative bodies subject to the Brown Act, to minimize the spread of COVID-19.

Whether vaccinated or not, positive individuals are contracting the Delta variant and infecting others in our communities. Social distancing and masking are crucial mitigation measure to prevent the disease's spread. Virtual board meetings allow for the participation of the community, county staff, presenters, and board members in a safe environment, with no risk of contagion. It is recommended that legislative bodies in Mono County implement fully-remote meetings to the extent possible.

If you have any questions regarding this recommendation, please do not hesitate to contact me. We will continue to evaluate this recommendation on an ongoing basis and will communicate when there is no longer such a recommendation with respect to meetings for public bodies.





#### HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Public Health, Suite 203-C 1360 N. Main Street, Bishop CA 93514 TEL: (760) 873-7868 FAX: (760) 873-7800

> Marilyn Mann, Director mmann@inyocounty.us

Date: September 23, 2021

To: Inyo County Local Agency Governing Bodies

From: Dr. James Richardson, Inyo County Public Health Officer

Re: Continued Recommendation Re Social Distancing and Remote Meetings

In order to help minimize the spread of COVID-19, I recommend that physical/social distancing measures continue to be practiced throughout our Inyo County communities, including at public meetings of the Board of Supervisors and other public agencies. Individuals continue to contract COVID-19 and spread the infection throughout our communities. Social distancing, masking, and vaccination are crucial mitigation measures to prevent the disease's spread. Remote public agency meetings allow for the participation of the community, agency staff, presenters, and board members in a safe environment, with no risk of contagion. As such, and since this disease negatively and directly impacts the ability of public agencies to conduct public meetings safely in person, it is my recommendation that local public agencies conduct their public meetings remotely.

This recommendation will remain in place until further notice.

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Dr. James A. Richardson Inyo County Health Officer

Strengthening Resilience & Well-Being in Our Community



### STAFF REPORT

То:	ESCOG Joint Powers Authority
From:	Elaine Kabala, ESCOG Staff
Subject:	Discussion Regarding ESCOG Staff and Funding Capacity
Meeting date:	August 12, 2022
Prepared on:	August 8, 2022
Attachments:	<ul><li>A) ESCOG Capacity Growth Organizational Chart</li><li>B) ESCOG Capacity Growth Financial Model</li></ul>

### BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

Empowered by the ESCOG Joint Powers Agreement, the ESCOG has pursued and successfully obtained several grants. Currently, the ESCOG has one, part-time staff and three specialty staff for clerking, legal, and fiscal services. In order to guarantee adequate capacity for current and future project needs, your Board requested staff meet with regional leadership to forecast capacity needs to meet current obligations and sustain the ESCOG JPA as a staffed regional body.

#### ANALYSIS:

The attached organizational chart (Attachment A) proposes a gradual increase in ESCOG staff from 0.5 FTE to 2.5 FTE by fiscal year 2023-2024, ultimately increasing to 3.5 FTE in 2026. The positions include the Inyo Mono Broadband Coordinator (IMBC), which would be fully funded by and contingent upon receipt of the California Advanced Services Fund Grant, which was submitted by the ESCOG in July 2022 and would staff in Inyo County. The organizational chart assumes the California Economic Resiliency Fund Planning Phase would contribute approximately \$100,000 directly to ESCOG administration, and that additional grant funded initiatives would be minimized until 2024-2025.

The financial model for capacity growth (Attachment B) considers two alternatives built on assumptions based on the Town of Mammoth Lakes salary schedule. The first alternative is a base case scenario assuming the lower salary range for an executive director and a part-time administrative assistant. The model indicates the increased staff capacity could be funded through administrative budget already secured through grant opportunities through 2025, with the important assumption that additional administrative fees will be received through administration of California Economic Resiliency Fund (CERF) funding for the Eastern Sierra. The model doesn't request additional member agency contributions and does not expand the administrative assistant position to full-time.

The High-Cost Scenario includes higher salary assumption for both positions and assumes a part-time administrative assistant would shift to full-time in FY 2024-2025.

Both models assume the IMBC position is fully grant funded and budget neutral.

As stated above, the model relies on the assumption that ESCOG will receive funding from the CERF planning phase, but the model does not include any other new projects through the forecast period. The ESCOG Board would have future decision points regarding project opportunities which could extend the financial sustainability of the organization beyond its current project obligations. Additionally, the ECOG Board would have several checkpoints to determine if additional staff is needed (for instance increasing to a part-time administrative assistance or expanding the part-time position to full-time) depending on project needs and opportunities.

Both models suggest the ESCOG would not need to request additional member agency contributions until 2024-2025 with existing grant funding, with varying degrees of future financial commitments to keep the organization sustainable between the base case and high cost scenarios.

Should your Board decide to expand the existing part-time staff to full-time, staff would work with regional leadership to determine the appropriate timeline and procedures for incorporating employees into either an existing member agency to gain human and office resources efficiencies or continuing to operate as contract employees to the organization. The current part-time executive director's contract expires in October, which allows time to collaborate with ESCOG partners to determine administrative structures. This timeline also coincides with the initiation of the CERF Planning Phase, which would allow for a transition of ESCOG staff from part-time to full-time commiserate with workload requirements, with a transition to full-time within a partner organization at the beginning of calendar year 2023. This timeline would allow the ESCOG Board additional decision points to determine additional staffing needs, such as the need for an administrative assistant.

#### BUDGET IMPACTS:

None.

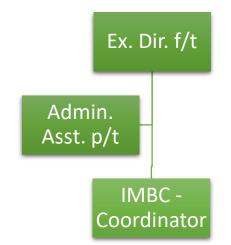
#### LEGAL REVIEW:

ESCOG Counsel Grace Chuchla has reviewed this item and found that it complies with the law.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff requests the Board discuss the staff capacity forecast and provide direction to staff and regional leadership regarding organizational structure.

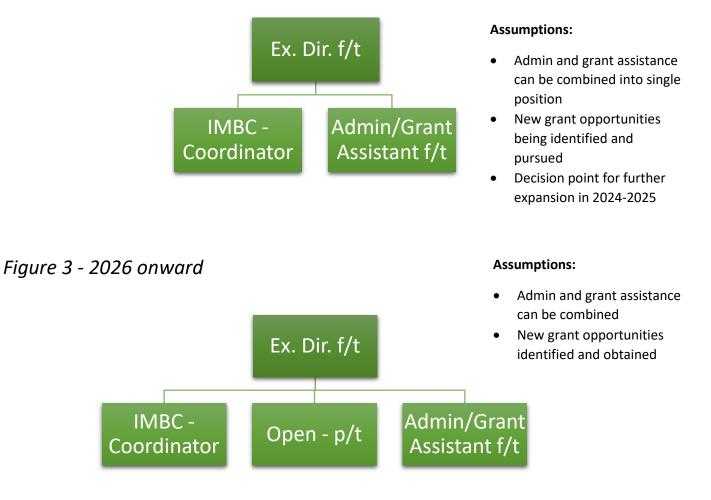
# Figure 1 - Q3 FY 2022-2023 & FY - 2023-2024



#### Assumptions:

- Full time Exec. Dir. and Parttime Admin Assistant starting Q3 FY 2022-2033
- Limited increase in new projects
- CERF administration through ESCOG

*Figure 2- FYs 2024-2026* 



#### Attachment A

#### Assumptions – Based on Town of Mammoth Lakes salary schedules

#### Staffing – 3.5 positions

#### **Position / Funding Source**

- Executive Director General Fund / Grant Admin?
- IMBC Coordinator State Grant CPUC
- Grant Assistance Grant Admin Funds
- Admin. Assistant Grant Admin Funds / 15%+/- General Fund (part-time max 1000 hrs Fiscal Year)
- Potential for added part time staff pending grant funding

#### **Other Support / Costs**

- Clerking Mammoth Lakes \$20,000
- Legal Inyo County \$10,000
- Basic Fiscal Mono County \$5,000
- 0 & M Current \$24,800
- Added O&M? \$20,200 (IT, travel, training, etc.)

#### Personnel Cost – rough, rough estimates

- Executive Director (F/T) Salary range \$82,500 107,250 plus \$45,000 benefits (Exempt)
- IMBC Coordinator (F/T) Salary range \$62,300 \$81,000 plus \$40,000 benefits (Exempt)
- Grant Assistant (F/T) Salary range hourly \$23.31 \$31.24 (\$48,484 \$64,979) plus \$25,000
- Admin. Assistant (P/T) Salary range hourly \$21.10 \$28.28 plus \$2,500.
- Open Position Depends on grant supported expanded programs
- Estimated Salaries \$214,384 \$281,509
- Benefits: \$122,500 \$160,460 (57% load)

Total Staff	\$336,886 - \$441,969
l otal Staff	\$336,886 - \$441,969

O&M + support \$80,000 (does not include IMBC programs est. \$50K out of \$200K)

Operating Expenses \$416,886 - \$521,969

Revenues

Potential short fall	\$66,886 – \$171,969
Revenues:	350,000
Grant Admin. \$'s	100,000 (Min. annual amount)
IMBC Grant	150,000
Member Contributions:	100,000

Assumes office and other support services for personnel is with member agencies

### Attachment B

		Base-Case Sce					High-Cost Sce				
Line Item		2021 2022	2022 2023	2023 2024	2024 2025	2025 2026	2021	2022 2023	2023 2024	2024 2025	2025 2026
Revenues											
Projects											
	Member Agency Contributions	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
	CA Dept of Fish &b Wildlife Grant		\$41,000	\$41,000				\$41,000	\$41,000	\$41,000	
	Sierra Nevada Cons. Grant		\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000		\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
	Nat'l Fish and Wildlife Grant		\$8,250	\$8,250				\$8,250	\$8,250		
	CA Advanaced Services Fund Grant		\$34,100	\$102,300	\$102,300	\$102,300		\$40,333	\$121,000	\$121,000	\$121,000
	CERF Funding (SBC)		\$40,000	\$60,000				\$40,000	\$60,000		
Sum		\$100,000	\$233,350	\$321,550	\$253,300	\$212,300	\$100,000	\$239,583	\$340,250	\$272,000	\$231,000
Expenditures											
HR											
	Executive Director	\$50,000	\$129,525	\$129,525	\$133,650	\$133,650	\$50,000	\$129,525	\$141,300	\$145,800	\$145,800
	Admin / Grant Assistant		\$7,333	\$22,000	\$23,100	\$23,100		\$10,667	\$32,000	\$113,400	\$109,900
	IMBC Coordinator		\$34,100	\$102,300	\$102,300	\$102,300		\$40,333	\$121,000	\$121,000	\$121,000
	HR Total	\$50,000	\$170,958	\$253,825	\$259,050	\$259,050	\$50,000	\$180,525	\$294,300	\$380,200	\$376,700
Member	Agency Services										
	Clerical	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
	Financial	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
	Legal	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
	Member Agency Totals	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000
Office + I	Management Costs	ć2 500	ć2 500	ć2 500	ć2 500	ća 500	¢2,500	ća 500	ć2 500	ć2 500	¢2 500
	email, cyber security	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500 \$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
	Website Design Services Professional Services (audit)		\$10,000 \$8,000	\$2,500 \$8,000	\$2,500 \$8,000	\$2,500 \$8,000		\$10,000 \$8,000	\$2,500 \$8,000	\$2,500 \$8,000	\$2,500 \$8,000
	Insurance	 \$2,100	\$8,000 \$3,500	\$8,000 \$4,500	\$8,000 \$5,500	\$8,000 \$6,000	 \$2,100	\$8,000 \$3,500	\$8,000 \$4,500	\$8,000 \$5,500	\$8,000 \$6,000
	Other Services	\$2,100	Ş3,300	\$4,300 \$10,000	\$3,300 \$10,000	\$0,000 \$10,000	\$2,100	\$3,500	\$4,300 \$10,000	\$3,300 \$10,000	\$0,000 \$10,000
	O+M Total	\$4,600	\$24,000	\$27,500	\$28,500	\$29,000	\$4,600	\$24,000	\$10,000 \$27,500	\$28,500	\$10,000 \$29,000
Sum		\$89,600	\$229,958	\$316,325	\$322,550	\$323,050	\$89,600	\$239,525	\$356,800	\$443,700	\$440,700
Net Income		\$10,400	\$3,392	\$5,225	-\$69,250	-\$110,750	\$10,400	\$58	-\$16,550	-\$171,700	-\$209,700
Starting Cash		\$48,000	\$58,400	\$61,792	\$67,017	-\$2,233	\$48,000	\$58,400	\$58,458	\$41,908	-\$129,792
Ending Cash		\$58,400	\$61,792	\$67,017	-\$2,233	-\$112,983	\$58,400	\$58,458	\$41,908	-\$129,792	-\$339,492

#### Attachment B

#### **Key Assumptions**

1. ESCOG authorized to participate in CERF and to receive CERF Funding

2. No new projects initiated through forecast period

3. Existing project obligations run through YE 2024. Key decision point in preparation to that date around what scope ESCOG pursues to further member agency goals

4. Part-time assistant through fiscal year 2024; shifting to full-time if appropriate and depending on project needs

5. IMBC coordinator salary dependent on CPUC funding. Projected as cash neutral to ESCOG

#### **Current Project Pipeline**

CERF Phase 2 funding Wildfire resiliancy funding Additional pending ESCOG board & member agency support for mission and scope





### **STAFF REPORT**

To: ESCOG Joint Powers Authority

From: Elaine Kabala, ESCOG Staff

Subject:Approval of Bid for Implementation of the Buttermilk Infrastructure and<br/>Recreation Planning Initiative Phase 1: Toilet Facilities Replacement

Meeting date: August 12, 2022

Prepared on: August 7, 2022

Attachments: A) Quote for Toilet Infrastructure from LBFoster CXT Products

### BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

On August 6, 2021, the ESCOG submitted a grant application to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) in support of projects identified in the Sustainable Recreation and Tourism Initiative for regional recreation improvements, specifically for infrastructure improvements and recreation planning in the Buttermilk recreation area west of Bishop. The Buttermilk Infrastructure and Recreation Planning Initiative (BIRPI) will be implemented in two phases: the first phase will be to procure a double vault toilet to replace the existing vault toilet at the bouldering area and the second phase will be to develop a high level recreation plan for the greater Buttermilk area. The ESCOG Board approved bid documents and specifications for the Phase 1 toilet infrastructure at the regular meeting held June 10, 2022. The bid was posted on July 18, 2022 and published in the Inyo Register on July 21, 2022. The bid documents were subsequently revised to reflect the project is for the purchase and installation of a pre-fabricated unit and clarifying that it is not a public works project requiring on-site-construction.

### ANALYSIS/DISCUSSION:

The bid was posted on July 18, 2022 and published in the Inyo Register on July 21, 2022. The bid documents were subsequently revised to reflect the project is for the purchase and installation of a pre-fabricated unit and clarifying that it is not a public works project requiring on-site-construction.

The ESCOG received one bid from LBFoster CXT products for a prefabricated toilet meeting the specifications of the US Forest Service and the ESCOG (Attachment A) in the amount of \$77,330, including delivery and installation. The grant budget includes \$83,300 for Phase 1 – Toilet Installation. Given the high demand for toilet infrastructure and supply chain delays, LBFoster CXT Products does not anticipate the toilet can be delivered until Q1 2023.

The US Forest Service has agreed to assist with pre-installation site preparation, including demolition of the existing toilet facilities and excavation work for installation of the toilet facility upon delivery. US Forest Service staff has reviewed the quote and confirmed it meets their specifications.

### BUDGET IMPACTS:

The grant award is for \$ \$247,300.00. The budget includes \$83,300 for installation of the vault toilet.

### LEGAL REVIEW:

ESCOG Counsel Grace Chuchla has reviewed this item and found that it complies with the law.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff requests the ESCOG Board award the bid for the Buttermilk Infrastructure and Recreation Planning Initiative Phase 1 – Toilet Infrastructure to LBFoster CXT Products for an amount not-to-exceed \$77,330.

# ORDERING INFORMATION

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CXT<sup>®</sup> Precast Concrete Products manufactures restroom, shower and concession buildings in multiple designs, textures and colors. The roof and walls are fabricated with high strength precast concrete to meet all local building codes and textured to match local architectural details. All CXT buildings are designed to meet A.D.A. and to withstand heavy snow, high wind and category E seismic loads. All concrete construction also makes the buildings easy to maintain and withstand the rigors of vandalism. The buildings are prefabricated and delivered complete and ready-to- use, including plumbing and electrical where applicable. With thousands of satisfied customers nationwide, CXT is the leader in prefabricated concrete restrooms.

- 1. ORDERING ADDRESS(ES): CXT Precast Concrete Products, 606 N. Pines Road, Suite 202, Spokane Valley, WA 99206
- 2. ORDERING PROCEDURES: Fax 509-928-8270
- 3. PAYMENT ADDRESS(ES):

Remitting by check: CXT, Inc., PO Box 676208, Dallas, TX 75267-6208 Remitting by ACH or wire transfer: Beneficiary: CXT, Inc. Beneficiary Bank: PNC Bank, Pittsburgh, PA Account: ABA/Routing: ABA/Routing:

4. WARRANTY PROVISIONS: CXT provides a one (1) year warranty. The warranty is valid only when concrete is used within the specified loadings. Furthermore, said warranty includes only the related material necessary for the construction and fabrication of said concrete components. All other non-concrete components will carry a one (1) year warranty. CXT warrants that all goods sold pursuant hereto will, when delivered. conform to specifications set forth above. Goods shall be deemed accepted and meeting specifications unless notice identifying the nature of any non-conformity is provided to CXT in writing within the specified warranty. CXT, at its option, will repair or replace the goods or issue credit for the customer provided CXT is first given the opportunity to inspect such goods. It is specifically understood that CXT's obligation hereunder is for credit, repair or replacement only, F.O.B. CXT's manufacturing plants, and does not include shipping, handling, installation or other incidental or consequential costs unless otherwise agreed to in writing by CXT. This warranty shall not apply to:

1. Any goods which have been repaired or altered without CXT's express written consent, in such a way as in the reasonable judgment of CXT, to adversely affect the stability or reliability thereof;

2. To any goods which have been subject to misuse, negligence, acts of God or accidents; or

3. To any goods which have not been installed to manufacturer's specifications and guidelines, improperly maintained, or used outside of the specifications for which such goods were designed.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF INSTALLATION (IF APPLICABLE): All prices subject to the "Conditions of Sale" listed on the CXT quotation form.

Customers are responsible for marking exact location building is to be set; providing clear and level site, free of overhead and/or underground obstructions; and providing site accessible to normal highway trucks and sufficient area for the crane to install and other equipment to perform the contract requirements. Customer shall provide notice in writing of low bridges, roadway width or grade, unimproved roads or any other possible obstacles to access. CXT reserves the right to charge the customer for additional costs incurred for special equipment required to Page 31 of 46

delivery and installation. Customers will negotiate installation on a projectby-project basis, which shall be priced as separate line items. For more information regarding installation and truck turning radius guidelines please see our website at <u>http://www.cxtinc.com</u>.

In the event delivery of the building/s ordered is/are not completed within 30 days of the agreed to schedule through no fault of CXT, an invoice for the full contract value (excluding shipping and installation costs) will be submitted for payment. Delivery and installation charges will be invoiced at the time of delivery and installation.

Should the delivery and installation costs increase due to changes in the delivery period, this increase will be added to the price originally quoted, and will be subject to the contract payment terms.

In the event that the delivery is delayed more than 90 days after the agreed to schedule and through no fault of CXT, then in addition to the remedies above, a storage fee of 1-1/2% of contract price per month or any part of any month will be charged.

\*\*Customer is responsible for all local permits and fees.

- 6. DELIVERY CHARGE: All prices F.O.B. origin prepaid and added to invoice. CXT operates three (3) manufacturing plants in the United States and will deliver from the closest location on our carriers.
- 7. PAYMENT TERMS: Payment to CXT by the purchaser shall be made net 30 days after submission of the invoice to the purchaser on approved credit. Interest at a rate equal to the lower of (i) the highest rate permitted by law; or (ii) 1.5% per month will be charged monthly on all unpaid invoices beginning with the 35th day (includes five (5) day grace period) from the date of the invoice. Under no circumstance can retention be taken. If CXT initiates legal proceeding to collect any unpaid amount, purchaser shall be liable for all of CXT's costs, expenses and attorneys' fees and costs of any appeal.
- 8. LIMITATION OF REMEDIES: In the event of any breach of any obligations hereunder; breach of any warranty regarding the goods, or any negligent act or omission of any party, the parties agree to submit all claims to binding arbitration. Any settlement reached shall include all reasonable costs including attorney fees. In no event shall CXT be subject to or liable for any incidental or consequential damages. Without limitation on the foregoing, in no event shall CXT be liable for damages in excess of the purchase price of the goods herein offered.
- 9. DELIVERY INFORMATION: All prices F.O.B. origin prepaid and added to invoice. CXT operates three (3) manufacturing plants in the United States and will deliver from the closest location on our carriers. Use the information below to determine the origin:

• F.O.B. 6701 E. Flamingo Avenue, Building 300, Nampa, ID 83687 applies to: AK, CA, HI, ID, MT, ND, NV, OR, SD, UT, WA, WY.

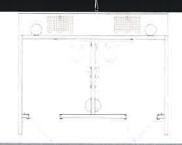
• F.O.B. 901 North Highway 77, Hillsboro, TX 76645 applies to AR, AZ, CO, IA, KS, LA, MN, MO, MS, NE, NM, OK, TX.

• F.O.B. 362 Waverly Road, Williamstown, WV 26183 applies to AL, CT, DE, FL, GA, IL, IN, KY, MA, MD, ME, MI, NC, NH, NJ, NY, OH, PA, PR, RI, SC, TN, VA, VT, WI, WV.

• Prices exclude all federal/state/local taxes. Tax will be charged where applicable if customer is unable to provide proof of exemption.

# **Tioga Special**





Tioga Special double vault. Standard features include two polyethylene lined concrete vaults, barnwood textured walls, cedar shake textured roof, off loaded and set up at site.

Base Price				Price per unit	Click to select	
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Added Cost Options:		Tear				
Earth Work (includes excav	ation, backfill and cleanup)		\$	4,500.00		0.00
Chase Option			\$	3,500.00	$\checkmark$	3,500.00
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Optional Roof Texture-choose	e one 🗹 Delta Rib		\$	3,000.00		3,000.00
Insulated Roof Panel (per ro	pom)	Qty: 2	\$	1,000.00		0.00
Room Wastebasket (each)		Qty: 2	\$	150.00		0.00
Stainless Steel Riser (each)		Qty: 2	S	1,500.00		0.00
Fiberglass Doors			s	1,980.00		
Owl Guard (each)		Qty: 2	\$	75.00	$\checkmark$	150.00
Hand Sanitizer (each)		Qty: 2	S	100.00		0.00
Marine Package for Extra C	orrosion Resistance		\$	4,250.00		0.00
Solar Light Kit (per room)		Qty: 2	\$	950.00		0.00
Solar Fan Kit (per room)		Qty: 2	\$	550.00	$\checkmark$	1,100.00
Rain Vent Cap (each)		Qty: 2	\$	65.00		0.00
Timed Lock System (each)		Qty: 2	\$	600.00		0.00
Conduit Junction Box (cha	se only)		\$	750.00		0.00
Electric Light Package (cha	se only)		\$	6,750.00		0.00
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### STAFF REPORT

To: ESCOG Joint Powers Authority

From: Elaine Kabala, ESCOG Staff

Subject: Approval of Request for Proposals for Trails Planning Services for the Eastern Sierra Towns to Trails Plan

Meeting date: August 12, 2022

Prepared on: August 5, 2022

Attachments: A) Request for Proposals for Trails Planning Services

for the Eastern Sierra Towns to Trails Plan

#### BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

In October 2021, the ESCOG submitted a grant application for to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Vibrant Recreation and Tourism Directed Grant Program, funded by the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68), for implementation of the Eastern Sierra Towns to Trails Plan. The "Towns to Trails Plan" was a project identified by the Sustainable Recreation and Tourism Initiative Project.

#### ANALYSIS/DISCUSSION:

The Eastern Sierra Council of Governments is seeking proposals from qualified consulting agencies to undertake a comprehensive planning process for the development of the Eastern Sierra Towns to Trails Plan (Trails Plan). The Eastern Sierra Towns to Trails Plan is a planning project that will develop a regional trails plan to create a multi-use network of trails that will connect Eastern Sierra communities to each other and to public lands throughout the region. The project parallels the Eastern Sierra escarpment, from northern Alpine County, through Mono County, to southern Inyo County – a distance of approximately 200 miles. The Eastern Sierra region is characterized by dramatic landscapes, sweeping open spaces, and superb outdoor recreation opportunities made possible through the unusually high percentage of publicly owned and managed lands. The Trails Plan will cross multiple jurisdictions and

lands managed by multiple entities, including the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Inyo National Forest, Bureau of Land Management, and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. The Trails Plan was nominated as a regional priority for sustainable recreation projects in the Eastern Sierra through the Sierra Nevada Conservancy funding Sustainable Recreation and Tourism Initiative. The Eastern Sierra Towns to Trails Plan is funded through the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Vibrant Recreation and Tourism Grant Program.

The Trails Plan will identify existing trails and other soft surface infrastructure networks as a baseline for the development of desired trail alignments and identify connectivity gaps that may require new infrastructure through data collection and engagement with regional stakeholders. The Trails Plan will also identify environmental planning needs and opportunities for on-the-ground implementation projects. The outcome of the Trails Plan will be a collaboratively developed plan for trail alignments that connect Eastern Sierra gateway communities to each other, as well as connecting the public to the recreation opportunities and the public lands of the region.

The Towns to Trails plan will assess conditions, existing resources, needs, and opportunities by collecting data on the current trail infrastructure, developing potential alignments, and identifying environmental planning needs. It will support and promote recreation, tourism, and economic development in the Eastern Sierra by creating connections between gateway communities and public land recreation opportunities. It will also help build capacity and partnerships with the ESCOG and Eastern Sierra land management agencies with jurisdiction over recreation assets and opportunities.

The process and outcome will entail:

- A cohesive vision for developing linking existing trails and soft surface infrastructure and identifying infrastructure gaps (such as new trails, wayfinding signage, bridges, etc) to establish a continuous multi-use trail system paralleling the Eastern Sierra escarpment and connecting the communities of the Eastern Sierra to each other and to nearby recreation destinations
- 2. Meaningful public involvement with equitable representation from communities across the Eastern Sierra region, including land manager stakeholders and tribal partners.
- 3. Recommendations for priority trail alignments based on existing conditions, plans, and stakeholder input, including opportunities for integration with existing trails or relevant plans pertaining to the urban areas.
- 4. An estimate of the fiscal requirement to implement the plan.
- 5. Production of the Eastern Sierra Towns to Trails Plan.

The successful consultant will be selected through a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) process. The period of performance will be through December 31, 2026.

### BUDGET IMPACTS:

The grant award is for \$370,443. The budget includes \$38,318 for ESCOG staff administration of the grant.

### LEGAL REVIEW:

ESCOG Counsel Grace Chuchla has reviewed this item and found that it complies with the law.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff requests the ESCOG Board approve Request for Proposals for Trails Planning Services for the Eastern Sierra Towns to Trails Plan and direct staff to notice the Request for Proposals accordingly.



# EASTERN SIERRA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS Joint Powers Authority

# Request for Proposals for Trails Planning Services for the Eastern Sierra Towns to Trails Plan

Proposal deadline: September X, 2022

Requesting Organization: Eastern Sierra Council of Governments

Contact: Elaine Kabala, Executive Director, ekabala@escog.ca.gov

#### Overview

The Eastern Sierra Council of Governments is seeking proposals from qualified consulting agencies to undertake a comprehensive planning process for the development of the Eastern Sierra Towns to Trails Plan (Trails Plan). The Eastern Sierra Towns to Trails Plan is a planning project that will develop a regional trails plan to create a multi-use network of trails that will connect Eastern Sierra communities to each other and to public lands throughout the region. The project parallels the Eastern Sierra escarpment, from northern Alpine County, through Mono County, to southern Inyo County – a distance of approximately 200 miles. The Eastern Sierra region is characterized by dramatic landscapes, sweeping open spaces, and superb outdoor recreation opportunities made possible through the unusually high percentage of publicly owned and managed lands. The Trails Plan will cross multiple jurisdictions and lands managed by multiple entities, including the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Inyo National Forest, Bureau of Land Management, and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (See Attachment A). The Trails Plan was nominated as a regional priority for sustainable recreation projects in the Eastern Sierra through the Sierra Nevada Conservancy funding Sustainable Recreation and Tourism Initiative. The Eastern Sierra Towns to Trails Plan is funded through the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Vibrant Recreation and Tourism Grant Program.

The Trails Plan will identify existing trails and other soft surface infrastructure networks as a baseline for the development of desired trail alignments and identify connectivity gaps that may require new infrastructure through data collection and engagement with regional stakeholders. The Trails Plan will also identify environmental planning needs and opportunities for on-the-ground implementation projects. The outcome of the Trails Plan will be a collaboratively developed plan for trail alignments that connect Eastern Sierra gateway communities to each other, as well as connecting the public to the recreation opportunities and the public lands of the region.

The Towns to Trails plan will assess conditions, existing resources, needs, and opportunities by collecting data on the current trail infrastructure, developing potential alignments, and identifying environmental planning needs. It will support and promote recreation, tourism, and economic development in the Eastern Sierra by creating connections between gateway communities and public land recreation opportunities. It will also help build capacity and partnerships with the ESCOG and Eastern Sierra land management agencies with jurisdiction over recreation assets and opportunities.

The successful consultant will be selected through a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) process. The period of performance will be through December 31, 2026.

#### Scope of Work

The primary goal of this planning effort is to identify opportunities to connect Eastern Sierra gateway communities to each other as well as the public to the public lands of the Eastern Sierra. The core scope of this project is a planning process that identifies a trails network based on existing trails and soft surface infrastructure, current plans, and the needs of local communities. The process and outcome will entail:

1. A cohesive vision for developing linking existing trails and soft surface infrastructure and identifying infrastructure gaps (such as new trails, wayfinding signage, bridges, etc) to

establish a continuous multi-use trail system paralleling the Eastern Sierra escarpment and connecting the communities of the Eastern Sierra to each other and to nearby recreation destinations

- 2. Meaningful public involvement with equitable representation from communities across the Eastern Sierra region, including land manager stakeholders and tribal partners.
- 3. Recommendations for priority trail alignments based on existing conditions, plans, and stakeholder input, including opportunities for integration with existing trails or relevant plans pertaining to the urban areas.
- 4. An estimate of the fiscal requirement to implement the plan.
- 5. Production of the Eastern Sierra Towns to Trails Plan.

The following three categories reflect the core services required to execute this project. It is not an exhaustive list and further refinement shall occur during contract negotiation. Recommendations for additional services are welcome but should be noticed as such in the proposal.

#### **Data Collection and Development**

The Trails Plan project will initiate its effort with Data Collection and Development, including the creation of a GIS library of existing regional recreation infrastructure, which could be used in the service of connectivity, and a library of existing planning documents that govern the Eastern Sierra landscape along with the anecdotal recommendations focused on trails and inter-regional connectivity gathered through the SRTI's "Recreation Stakeholder" process. Data from these geospatial and narrative libraries will be developed to extract relevant and synthesized guidance for collaborative planning efforts.

#### **Collaborative Planning**

The Trails Plan project will conduct Collaborative Planning efforts throughout the region, with stakeholders identified, convened and facilitated, informed by the synthesized guidance produced through its Data Collection and Development efforts. Objectives of the collaborative planning efforts will be to identify alignments using primarily existing infrastructure that can both connect communities to each other and link communities and the visiting public to public lands.

Collaborative Planning efforts will be informed through the following:

- 1. Frontloading of direction and policy from adopted federal and regional management plans into public outreach and the collaborative planning efforts to set realistic expectations for the implementation of "on the- ground" projects from the outset of the planning process;
- 2. Anticipating the needs of environmental planning and decision-making through the identification of actionable routes with negligible consequences for natural and heritage resources to minimize the subsequent needs of federal and local capacity for environmental decision-making;
- 3. Identifying opportunities for "on-the-ground" implementation of pilot projects during the planning process itself, especially opportunities to improve existing trail and connectivity infrastructure that will minimize the need for new construction;
- 4. Requiring that proposals for final projects document well-demonstrated needs, with preferences for proposals that improve access and accessibility for a variety of user groups; and
- 5. Requiring that proposed projects address sustainability and maintenance of any existing and/or recommended infrastructure, and that they include consideration of how realignment

of existing trails could reduce impacts to federal resources, how non-federal support could be used to provide maintenance for proposed projects, and which metrics will be used to quantify sustainability.

#### Trails Plan Development

The Trails Plan will document the efforts described above, including: the final content of the Data Collection and Development efforts; record of all Collaborative Planning efforts, including public meetings and projects identified for implementation; and a detailed summary of recommended actions, including GIS and published maps of proposed alignments, infrastructure gaps and recommendations, project sequencing and quantifiable metrics for all proposed projects as well as for those that may have been initiated or even completed as part of the Collaborative Planning process. The final Trails Plan will be hosted on the project's website for access by the public and will be promoted and shared throughout the region.

#### **Criteria for Competitive Applications**

The evaluation criteria listed below will be used to evaluate proposals for the purpose of ranking them based on how fully each proposal meets the requirements of this RFP. Consultants may be asked to modify objectives, work plans, or budgets prior to final approval of the award.

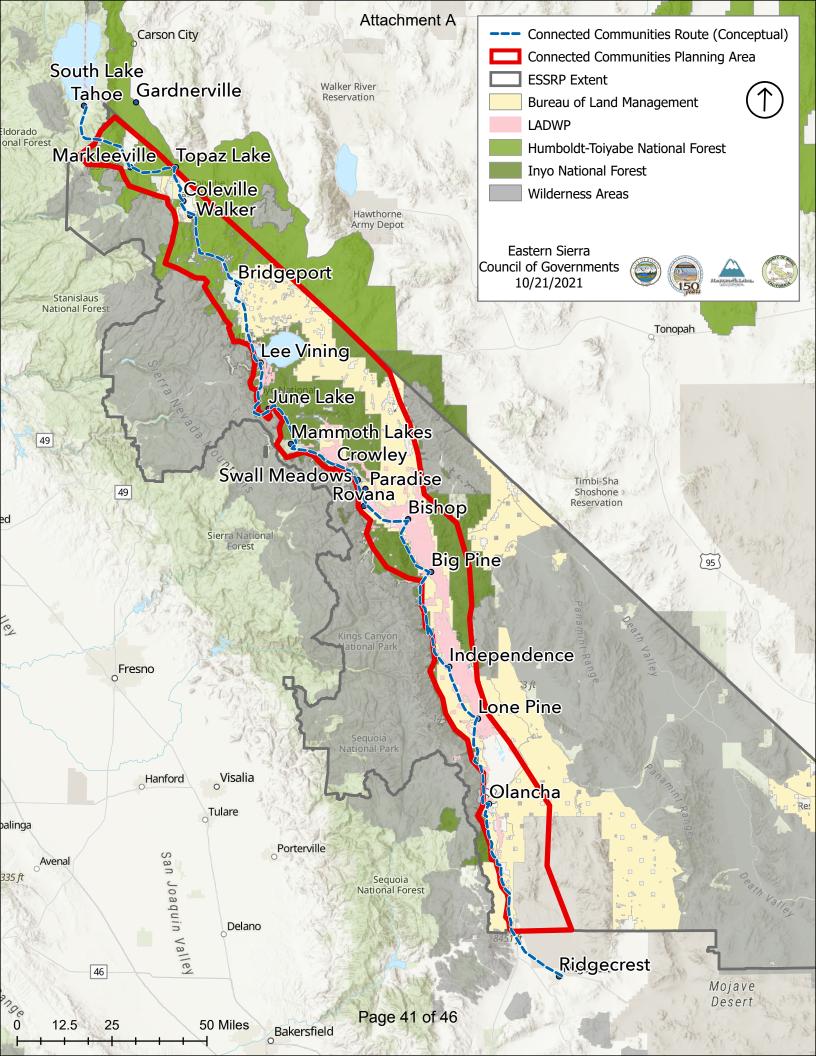
- 1. **Understanding of the Scope of Work**. A statement demonstrating a thorough understanding of the Towns to Trails Plan requirements, as well as ability to comply with all reporting outreach requirements of the Sierra Nevada Conservancy grant award. The proposal should demonstrate the Consultant's qualifications in recreation and trails planning, collaborative planning and stakeholder outreach, GIS mapping, and familiarity with the operations of federal and other public land managers with jurisdiction over the project. In the project overview, describe the general project approach and process to be employed, describe the proposal must demonstrate the capacity of the consultant to ensure the successful completion of all tasks described in the Sierra Nevada Conservancy grant agreement.
- 2. **Technical Approach**. The proposed technical approach for fulfilling the scope of work must demonstrate familiarity with the Eastern Sierra and the Towns to Trails plan.
- 3. **Qualifications of Proposed Personnel**. The proposal should describe relevant professional experience in the following areas: (a) Trails and recreation planning, (b) Collaborative meeting facilitation and stakeholder driving planning processes, (c) familiarity with inter-jurisdictional planning efforts, including familiarity with the operations and procedures of the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, (d) management of complex, multidisciplinary projects.
- 4. Contractor's Past Performance. The proposal should: (a) Identify individuals from the firm's professionals and any sub-contractors who will work on the project along with a brief summary of the individual(s) and their experience; (b) Include a description of the firm's prior work relevant to this RFP including the name, address, and phone number of client references and the primary contact persons.
- 5. **Timeframe Flow Chart.** Submit a flow chart with estimated project timeframe for meeting important project targets.
- 6. **Cost Proposal.** The cost proposal budget should be cost effective and should maximize the value for monies requested in the contractor's budget. Proposal costs should be the minimum necessary to adequately achieve the stated scope of work.

#### **Submission Requirements**

Submission requirements will include two distinct and separate documents: 1) Technical Proposal, and 2) Cost Proposal.

Interested parties will submit proposals via email to Elaine Kabala (ekabala@escog.ca.gov) and provide the information as described below:

- 1. Technical Proposal:
  - a. Narrative Concise description of the work plan to include the following sections from the Criteria for Competitive Applications:
    - Understanding of the Scope of Work,
    - Technical Approach,
    - Qualifications of Proposed Personnel,
    - The Contractor's Past Performance.
    - Timeframe Flowchart.
    - Contact Information Primary contact person, company name, address, phone, email, and website.
- 2. Cost Proposal: The Cost Proposal includes the proposal budget and budget justification.





### STAFF REPORT

To: ESCOG Joint Powers Authority

From: Elaine Kabala, ESCOG Staff

Subject: Consideration to Adopt a Resolution of the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments to Establish a Program of Work to be Known as the "ESCOG: Economic Resiliency Fund (Phase 1) Program"

Meeting date: June 10, 2022

Prepared on: June 4, 2022

Attachments: A) Resolution of the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments to Establish a Program of Work to be Known as the "ESCOG: Community Economic Resiliency Fund (Phase 1) Program" and to Seek Approval from Member Agencies for this Work

### BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

The ESCOG Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) requires the ESCOG to obtain specific authorities from its member agencies to receive funding or conduct certain project work via resolution of the ESCOG Board and secondly by resolution of the member agency boards. Based on exceptional opportunities associated with the Community Economic Resiliency Fund (CERF) program, and in response to input and general direction among member agencies and regional management, ESCOG staff is seeking the Board's approval of a Resolution of the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments to Establish a Program of Work to be Known as the "ESCOG: Community Economic Resiliency Fund (Phase 1) Program" and direction to seek approval from Member Agencies for this work.

Staff has met with regional managers to ensure these authorities would serve to build economic development capacity for the region, and expand and not duplicate the individual efforts of the members agencies. Staff has incorporated the feedback of regional managers into the attached resolution. Specifically, regional management requested the resolution constrain the scope of the ESCOG authorities to receiving funding for and participating the CERF and CEDS opportunities until such a time that

those strategic plans are finalized, at which point the ESCOG shall return to request additional authorities for strategic regional implementation.

The Sierra Business Council (SBC) submitted an application to serve as the "convener" of the CERF program for the Eastern Sierra subregion. As part of their application, the SBC allocated \$250,000 to the ESCOG to coordinate participation in the CERF for local jurisdictions and community organizations. The ESCOG is unable to receive this funding absent approval of the attached resolution by the Board and all member agencies.

The CERF will provide a \$5,000,000 planning grant for regional economic development planning in the Eastern Sierra subregion, which includes Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Inyo, Mariposa, Mono, and Tuolumne Counties, to be focused on economic resilience, equity and transitioning to carbon neutrality. Once the Eastern Sierra Region's CERF planning process is complete, the region will be eligible to apply for \$500 million in competitive funding for implementation of the Eastern Sierra Region's Regional Plan, with invitations for project solicitations anticipated to be announced in Winter 2023.

Concurrent to these activities, Inyo County is serving as the lead agency to create Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) to include Inyo and Mono Counties and the development of the CEDS is a mandatory perquisite to access certain EDA funding sources, and the ESCOG can serve to coordinate the implementation of defined elements of the regional CEDS and serve as a funding source for defined EDA or other related grants. The attached resolution also requests authorities for ESCOG to participate in the develop of the CEDS regional economic development strategy.

#### BUDGET IMPACTS:

None.

#### LEGAL REVIEW:

ESCOG Counsel Grace Chuchla has reviewed this item and found that it complies with the law.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff requests the Board adopt a Resolution of the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments to Establish a Program of Work to be Known as the "ESCOG: Community Economic Resiliency Fund (Phase 1) Program" and to Seek Approval from Member Agencies for this Work.

#### **RESOLUTION No. 22-**

#### RESOLUTION OF THE EASTERN SIERRA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM OF WORK TO BE KNOWN AS THE "ESCOG: COMMUNITY ECONOMIC RESILIENCY FUND (PHASE 1) PROGRAM" AND TO SEEK APPROVAL FROM MEMBER AGENCIES FOR THIS WORK

**WHEREAS**, on January 7, 2020, the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments convened as an established Joint Powers Authority as ratified by the votes of the governing bodies of its individual Member Agencies, understanding that it is necessary and desirable for the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments as a Joint Powers Authority to speak and to function on behalf of the region and to collectively identify and deliver opportunities to benefit the interests of Member Agencies' constituents; and

**WHEREAS** the Member Agencies agreed that the creation of a regional Joint Powers Authority that functions as a separate and discreet legal entity from individual Member Agencies would enable the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments to maximize and take advantage of opportunities for the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments Joint Powers Authority (ESCOG) was organized to (1) provide a forum for discussion and study of regional issues of interest to the Member Agencies; (2) identify and plan for the solution of identified regional issues requiring multi-governmental cooperation; (3) facilitate actions and agreements among the Member Agencies for specific project development; (4) conduct other region wide functions as Member Agencies deem appropriate; and

**WHEREAS**, the ESCOG was further organized to identify and apply for funding resources and to apply for and receive funding for the planning and implementation of Programs of regional impact or significance, and to implement such Programs, upon approval of the governing bodies of each Member Agency; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development and the Office of Planning and Research have established an unprecedented \$600 million regional economic development initiative known as the Community Economic Resilience Fund (CERF), which will provide a \$5,000,000 planning grant for regional economic development planning in the Eastern Sierra subregion, which includes Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Inyo, Mariposa, Mono, and Tuolumne Counties, to be focused on economic resilience, equity, and transitioning to carbon neutrality; and

**WHEREAS**, once the Eastern Sierra Region's CERF planning process is complete, the region will be eligible to apply for \$500 million in competitive funding for implementation of the Eastern Sierra Region's Regional Plan, with invitations for project solicitations anticipated to be announced in Winter 2023; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) has received a grant from the federal Economic Development Administration (EDA) and is working with Inyo County as the lead agency to create a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) to include Inyo and Mono Counties. The development of the CEDS is a mandatory perquisite to access certain EDA funding sources. The ESCOG can serve to coordinate the implementation of defined elements of the regional CEDS and serve as a funding source for defined EDA or other related grants; and

**WHEREAS**, Member Agencies will benefit from collective and enhanced collaboration on economic development projects such as those to be defined in the CERF planning effort and the regional CEDS and through regional approach to accessing other State and Federal program to support regional infrastructure, housing solutions, climate resiliency, sustainable recreation, and workforce development; and

**WHEREAS**, the constituents of the Member Agencies will benefit from funding opportunities to implement economic development activities of regional scope and significance through the authority of the ESCOG.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments as follows:

**Section 1**. That a program to be known as the "ESCOG: Economic Resiliency Program" be established and pursued by the Eastern Sierra Council Government using its Joint Powers Authority.

**Section 2**. That the Economic Resiliency Program provides for ESCOG to coordinate and engage with regional economic development opportunities in collaboration with Member Agencies through the State of California's "Community Economic Resiliency Fund" Planning Phases (CERF) and the development of the region's "Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy" (CEDS); receive funding to participate in regional economic development planning efforts that have already been funded by agencies outside of the region, including the state of California's CERF and the completion of a CEDS funded by the federal Economic Development Administration; and support and build upon the economic development efforts of Member Agencies that promote economic development efforts to enhance the region's economic resilience and prosperity. Member agency funding for such work is subject to approval by each agency.

**Section 3**. The authority of the ESCOG to participate or receive funding shall expire at the completion of the planning phase of the CERF, at which point the ESCOG will request additional authorities for implementation of the economic development strategies if deemed appropriate by the ESCOG Board and the member agencies.

**Section 4**. That, in carrying out the these activities, the ESCOG is empowered under the Economic Resiliency Program to apply for and administer grants and other sources of revenue; to participate in regional economic development planning efforts;

specifically the CERF and the CEDS; engage in any actions already authorized by the ESCOG Joint Powers Agreement, including the securing of appropriate levels of insurance; and take any other actions reasonable related to its pursuit of the above mentioned activities; provided, however, that the ESCOG: Economic Resiliency Program shall not be authorized to incur debt that is not otherwise secured by the Program's identified revenue. Member agency funding to support such work is subject to approval by each agency and action by the ESCOG shall not obligate members financially.

**Section 5**. That representatives of the four ESCOG jurisdictions return to their respective governing bodies to seek and secure support for the necessary approvals from each member agency for the ESCOG to pursue this important work.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

John Wentworth, Chair

ATTEST:

Angela Plaisted, Clerk