

October 16, 2020

Lisa Wallace, Executive Director Truckee River Watershed Council Post Office Box 8568 Truckee, California 96162

Re: <u>Memorandum of Understanding for Euer Valley Restoration Phase 1 Project</u> <u>Partnership</u>

Dear Lisa:

This letter constitutes a memorandum of understanding ("the MOU") between Truckee River Watershed Council a California nonprofit corporation ("TRWC"), and Tahoe Donner Association, a California nonprofit mutual benefit corporation ("TDA"). TRWC and TDA individually may each be referred to herein as "Party" and together referred to as the "Parties."

Background

As we know, TDA is the current owner of 682 acres, commonly know as middle to lower Euer Valley, in Nevada County, California. TDA acquired this property in order to conserve the property as open space for recreational and natural resource management. TDA, TRWC and many other entities consider this landscape a priority for conservation and restoration. The habitat and water quality benefits of restoring the meadow and streambed on this are significant. While TDA and TRWC have been working together to study the area through the Prosser Basin Watershed Assessment along with other advisement opportunities, TRWC and TDA are officially entering into the MOU to memorialize their partnership toward the long-term protection and restoration of Euer Valley through the planning, design, construction and monitoring of this project, Euer Valley Restoration Phase 1. Any future projects would be memorialized under a separate MOU.

Funding and Long-Term Conservation

TRWC and TDA jointly submit for a funding request to the State Water Resources Board for the purposes of planning and construction on the Euer Valley Restoration Phase 1 project. The State Water Resources Board has awarded \$589,835.80 of grant funds to be matched. Tahoe Donner has allocated \$150,000 to support project design and planning starting in 2020 in addition to \$25,600 in in-kind services (staff time). An additional \$150,000 in capital funds will support project implementation in 2022. Separately, TRWC and TDA will pursue additional funds for the construction and monitoring phase of the project through other grant opportunities as they arise in the next two-year period.



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Agreement

TDA and TRWC agree that if they are successful in obtaining funding for the construction and monitoring, then, subject to approval by TDA's board of directors, TDA will grant TRWC grant access to TRWC for the monitoring portion of the work in the form of a separate MOU.

Please countersign this Memorandum of Understanding in the space provided below to signify TRWC's concurrence and return one original to the undersigned. Please note that this MOU is not final until approved by TDA's board of directors (or by the General Manager, as designated).

Sincerely,

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ACCEPTED

LISA WALLACE Executive Director Truckee River Watershed Council DATE

