



February 9, 2023

Chief Matthew Reischman
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
Sacramento Headquarters
1416 9th Street
Sacramento, CA 94244-2460

**Re: Tahoe Donner Association Participation Letter
Nevada & Placer County Cooperative Landscape Resilience Project**

Dear Chief Reischman,

Tahoe Donner Association is pleased to participate in the Nevada & Placer County Cooperative Landscape Resilience Project to improve forest health and reduce fuel loading in the Truckee area.

Tahoe Donner Association (TDA) has an extensive history of taking a proactive approach to reducing the effects of wildland fire and improving forest health on 5,016 acres that make up our property. Starting in 1988, the Association has funded a forestry department to oversee implementation of forest and fuels improvement projects. The forestry department's budget in 2023 is \$1,218,018.

Our California Cooperative Forest Management Plan details a five-year project plan, which is revised annually to meet the goals approved by the NRCS and CAL FIRE. The Association has implemented projects on 2,027 acres throughout its management history. Since 1992, the forestry department of TDA has successfully administered a total of \$1,236,523 in grants, including CAL FIRE's CFIP program, as well as federally-funded fuels reduction projects via the California Firesafe Council.

Tahoe Donner's opportunities for participation if the grant is awarded is as follows:

- Maintain a Registered Professional Forester (RPF) and two forest technicians which are available to participate with overview and implementation of the grant projects.
- Utilization of fuels reduction budget including: management of future annual forest improvements, and the maintenance of fuel reduction zones.
- Provide the use of Tahoe Donner's track-chipper to assist on projects outlined in the grant description on association land.



Tahoe Donner Association is committed to forest health and fuels reduction projects to help maintain our valuable forest resource. Funding from CAL FIRE will also greatly benefit the natural resources in the greater Truckee area.

Respectfully,

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David Mickaelian
General Manager
Tahoe Donner Association