

RESOLUTION NO. 192-2017

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO

RESOLUTION MAKING A DETERMINATION OF A PUBLIC BENEFIT AND APPROVING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE SUSTAINABLE FOREST ACTION COALITION TO INITIATE A SOCIAL/ECONOMIC SURVEY AND STUDY ON THE IMPACTS OF FOREST ACTIVITIES ON COMMUNITIES THAT DEPEND ON FOREST-BASED EXTRACTION AND TOURISM FOR THEIR ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

WHEREAS, El Dorado County (“County”) has an economic, environmental, and public safety interest in the proper management of its timber resources; namely, in the El Dorado National Forest; and

WHEREAS, the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors has passed numerous resolutions and spent a substantial amount of time expressing its commitment to a healthier forest; and

WHEREAS, County, due to catastrophic wildfires, has suffered immense economic harm from the loss of productive forest land and the goods and services originating from the public lands; and

WHEREAS, the closure of the Camino (Sierra Pacific) lumber mill in 2009 prompted the creation of what would become the Sustainable Forest Action Coalition (“SFAC”); and

WHEREAS, County has had a continual presence at SFAC meetings since 2009 and supports its mission of connecting counties, community organizations, and coalition participants in the healthy sustainable management of forest ecosystems while maintaining the quality of life through healthy forests, products industry, and communities along with creating and maintaining sustainable jobs; and

WHEREAS, SFAC has grown to include representation from over twenty counties in California, seven counties in Oregon, and one county in Nevada and Washington; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of SFAC has resulted in the development of a framework for the United States Forest Service, Region 5 (USFS) and SFAC to complete economic roundtable workshops with the guidance from the Center for Economic Development at California State University, Chico; and

WHEREAS, the roundtable workshops resulted in a consensus-based set of socioeconomic factors to include in National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis; and

WHEREAS, the inclusion of socioeconomic factors in NEPA analyses would, for the first time, give voice to the human environment of federal land management practices and plans and the impacts of forest projects to the local community; and

WHEREAS, the economic and social well-being of the County would benefit from the inclusion of socioeconomic factors in NEPA analysis of project impacts and contributions to the local economy; and

WHEREAS, the El Dorado County Chamber of Commerce was the founding force behind SFAC, acted as a co-organizer of the economic roundtables, and is facilitating the funds donated; and

WHEREAS, all donations will be tracked by SFAC and presented in a balance report.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors determines that a public benefit is derived from continuing efforts that arose from the SFAC social/economic roundtables that began in 2014 with the United States Forest Service (Region 5) and California State University, Chico, including initiating a social/economic survey and study at the community level to gain a better understanding of the impacts of forest activities on communities that depend on forest-based commodity extraction and tourism for their economic wellbeing.

BE IT FURTHER DECLARED that the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Auditor-Controller to disburse funding in the amount of \$500 to the El Dorado County Chamber of Commerce solely for the purpose of helping to cover the costs associated with initiating the social/economic survey and study.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 19th day of December, 2017, by the following vote of said Board:

Ayes: Veerkamp, Novasel, Hidhal, Ranalli, Frentzen

Noes: None

Absent: None

Attest:

James S. Mitrison

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Kyra Schaffenberg

Deputy Clerk

Shiva Frentzen

Chair, Board of Supervisors
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