



RESOLUTION NO. 073-2021

JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS OF ALPINE, AMADOR,  
CALAVERAS, EL DORADO, MARIPOSA AND TUOLUMNE COUNTIES

**To Form a Local Coalition to Address Fire Preparedness, Forest Health and Community Resilience**

**WHEREAS**, the State of California has historically experienced low to moderate intensity fire regimes on its landscape that contribute to healthier ecosystems; and

**WHEREAS**, fire suppression efforts starting in the early 1900s and changes in forest management practices have resulted in overstocked stands, denser vegetation and other fuel on the ground that traditionally would have been burned every five to seven years; and

**WHEREAS**, California has experienced increasing periods of drought contributing to drier vegetation, more quickly melting snowpack and longer dry periods; and

**WHEREAS**, California's population has doubled over the last 50 years, without a commensurate increase in water storage capacity, which has made water scarce and costly, particularly for seniors and other vulnerable populations, and has contributed to drier landscapes; and

**WHEREAS**, the traditional wildfire season in California is growing more intense and extending longer through the year; and

**WHEREAS**, wildfires are increasing in severity, devastating hundreds of thousands of acres and causing significant damage to life and property; and

**WHEREAS**, rural communities experience the effects of these deadly wildfires more profoundly due to substantial percentages of forested public lands, significant numbers of senior residents, a smaller tax base with less discretionary funds, higher costs to deliver services, high amounts of tree mortality caused by drought and a large portion of residents living in the Wildland Urban Interface,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Boards of Supervisors of Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Mariposa and Tuolumne Counties do hereby form a rural regional coalition dedicated to working together to prevent and prepare for catastrophic wildfire, promote forest health and maintenance, and build community resilience across their respective counties.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 29th day of June, 2021, by the following vote of said Board:

Attest:  
Kim Dawson  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Kyra Schaffey  
Deputy Clerk

Ayes: Hidahl, Parlin, Thomas, Turnboo, Novasel  
Noes: None  
Absent: None

John Hidahl  
Chair, Board of Supervisors  
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