

RESOLUTION NO.

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO

**RESOLUTION MAKING A DETERMINATION OF A PUBLIC BENEFIT AND
APPROVING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR ECONOMIC ROUNDTABLE WORKSHOPS
BETWEEN THE SUSTAINABLE FOREST ACTION COALITION AND
THE UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE (REGION 5)**

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 wildfire, 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 the quarterly meetings of SFAC 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 numerous other counties in Nevada, Idaho, Arkansas, and Wyoming; 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 conduct economic roundtable workshops with the guidance from the Center for Economic Development at California State University, Chico; and

WHEREAS, the roundtable workshops will result in a consensus-based set of socioeconomic factors to include in National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analyses; 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 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 the SFAC, is acting as a co-organizer of the economic roundtables, and is facilitating the funds donated; and

WHEREAS, all donations will be tracked and presented in a balance report and each quarterly meeting of the SFAC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors determines that a public benefit is derived from the economic roundtable workshops between the Sustainable Forest Action Coalition and the United States Forest Service, Region 5, in coordination with the Center for Economic Development at California State University, Chico.

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 the economic roundtable workshops.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the ____ day of _____, 20__, by the following vote of said Board:

Attest:	Ayes:
James S. Mitrisin	Noes:
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors	Absent:

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

_____ Chair, Board of Supervisors