



MEMORANDUM
COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE - TAHOE DIVISION
ADMINISTRATION
County of Placer

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors **DATE:** June 25, 2024

FROM: Daniel Chatigny, County Executive Officer

BY: Stephanie Holloway, Deputy County Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Truckee Regional Library

ACTION REQUESTED

1. Receive a presentation from Nevada County on a proposed regional library facility in eastern County, in proximity to the Town of Truckee.
2. Provide direction to staff to discuss with the Truckee Library Joint Powers Authority ("Truckee Library JPA") the proposed boundaries of a potential bond measure and potential participation of Placer County on the Truckee Library JPA Board of Directors should the boundaries include Placer County properties.
3. Authorize the Chair of the Placer County Board of Supervisors to sign a Letter of Support for the Truckee Library JPA on potential regional library services within the eastern portions of Placer and Nevada Counties.
4. Determine that the requested actions are all not projects under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines 15378.

BACKGROUND

Nevada County, the Town of Truckee and the Friends of the Truckee Library have come together in recent years to focus on the development of a long-time goal of the community to build a larger regional library facility in the eastern portion of Nevada County, in proximity to the Town of Truckee.

In January 2024, a Joint Powers Authority Agreement ("Truckee Library JPA") for the new Truckee Library was executed to advance the regional facility concept. The Truckee Library JPA is responsible for constructing and maintaining the proposed regional library and acquiring land tenure for the facility. The newly formed Truckee Library JPA, which includes Nevada County and the Town of Truckee as current members, has the ability to issue debt as a potential source of financing for the proposed regional library project. The Truckee Library JPA members believe that the appropriate geographic area for a potential bond measure would include properties within the Town of Truckee, unincorporated eastern Nevada County, and the Donner Lake, Sierra Meadows, Martis Valley, and Northstar areas of unincorporated eastern Placer County. The timing for voter consideration of a funding measure is targeted for calendar year 2025.

Placer County staff have been engaged in this effort recently as it relates to the potential for further coordination of a regional model for delivery of library services in the larger Tahoe-Truckee region. In conjunction with the development of the new Truckee Regional Library facility, Nevada County has expressed a commitment to continued discussions with Placer

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County on establishing a shared services delivery model which will not only enhance programming and capital opportunities for residents in eastern Placer and Nevada Counties as well as the Town of Truckee but will also result in a more efficient service delivery model for each of the respective jurisdictions.

As to the proposed bond measure, the Truckee Library JPA can establish its boundaries for a bond measure to transcend the Truckee and/or Nevada County boundaries., Staff is requesting direction from the Board on potential membership on the Truckee Library JPA.

The Truckee Library JPA Directors transmitted a letter of intent requesting the County's support of regional delivery of library. services in eastern Placer and Eastern Nevada Counties (See Attachment A). Staff has drafted a proposed response letter for the Board's consideration (See Attachment B).

Regional collaboration is a foundation for many services in the eastern portions of both Nevada and Placer Counties, including transportation, workforce housing, and delivery of health and human services benefits. Partnerships are essential for community vitality and libraries within this region are another example of how agencies can work together to meet the needs of all constituents for effectively.

FISCAL IMPACT

There are no fiscal impacts associated with the requested action.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A - Truckee Regional Library JPA Letter

Attachment B - Proposed Letter of Support



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Chair Suzanne Jones, Placer County Board of Supervisors
175 Fulweiler Avenue
Auburn, CA 95603

Dear Chair Jones and Honorable Board of Supervisors,

We are writing today on the behalf of the new Truckee Library Joint Powers Authority (JPA) to share our goal of building a new Regional Library in the Truckee River Regional Park, approximately 1 mile north of the Nevada County/Placer County Boundary. In addition, Nevada County, as the provider of library services, is also writing to affirm our commitment to exploring a regional approach to the delivery of library services in the Tahoe-Truckee region of Eastern Placer and Nevada Counties. Our alignment with Placer County is essential to us, and as such, we seek your Board's support of these intentions.

A new regional library facility has been a long-time goal of the County of Nevada, Town of Truckee, Friends of the Truckee Library, and the community. The proposed new regional library will serve both Nevada County residents and Placer County residents who access their library services in Truckee. The proposed new facility will enhance the significant benefits libraries offered to constituents, including providing access to books, educational programming, access to computers, workspace, career resources, community gathering spaces, as well as address other community priorities such as disaster resilience and workforce development. The current Truckee library was built in 1975 when Truckee's population was 2,000 and has a maximum capacity of 54 people. Today, that same library serves over 200 people a day. A larger space is needed to maintain basic operations and provide a range of programming for the region.

In conjunction with the development of the new regional Library facility, Nevada County is committed to continued discussions with Placer County to explore a regional services delivery model. The primary goals of this collaboration would be to enhance programming and facility access for residents in Eastern Placer and Eastern Nevada Counties and promote efficient service delivery for each of the respective jurisdictions. Through collaborative grant applications and discussions about the new regional library facility, staff have begun to explore possibilities.

In January 2024, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors and the Truckee Town Council executed a Joint Powers Authority Agreement (JPA) for the new Truckee Library, and these entities serve as the initial members of the JPA. The JPA formation documents also provides



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the option for additional members to join the JPA should there be mutual interest of the JPA and other parties for that to occur.

The JPA is responsible for constructing and maintaining the new regional library and acquiring land tenure for the facility. Active dialogue with the Truckee Donner Recreation and Park District (TDRPD) has been occurring towards the goal of constructing the library within the Truckee River Regional Park.

The JPA is also actively collaborating with community partners to secure financing for the construction and maintenance of the new regional library. This includes actively pursuing grant funding, pursuit of donor funding through a capital campaign being led by the Friends of the Truckee Library, and consideration of a bond measure targeted to be placed on the ballot in calendar year 2025. The JPA has the authority to issue debt as a potential source of financing for the project, and the JPA partners believe that the appropriate geographic area for this bond measure to apply to would be generally as shown in attached Exhibit 1. This includes properties in the Town of Truckee; unincorporated Eastern Nevada County; and the Donner Lake, Sierra Meadows, Martis Valley, and Northstar areas of unincorporated Eastern Placer County. The JPA partners are seeking feedback from the Placer County Board of Supervisors on supporting these portions of Placer County to being given the opportunity to be included in, and vote on, a future bond measure for the construction of the regional library.

Collaborating toward enhanced regional library services builds on a foundation of our existing successful regional partnerships, including collaboration in addressing workforce housing, sheltering, and the shared delivery of health and human services. We are grateful to Placer County and your dedicated staff who have partnered on these endeavors, including their ongoing participation in planning for the New Truckee Regional Library. We look forward to moving ahead in this spirit and action of partnership on this exciting project and look forward to receiving feedback from the Placer County Board of Supervisors on this issue.

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Alison Lehman
Director Truckee Library JPA
Nevada County Executive Officer

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Jennifer Callaway
Director Truckee Library JPA
Truckee Town Manager



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On behalf of the Placer County Board of Supervisors, I acknowledge and support the Truckee Library JPA's request to allow portions of Placer County to be given the opportunity to be included in, and vote on, a future bond measure for the construction of the

regional library. Additionally, the Placer County Board of Supervisors affirms our commitment to continuing to work in partnership with Nevada County to explore a regional approach to the delivery of library services in the Tahoe-Truckee region of Eastern Placer and Nevada Counties.

Suzanne Jones
Chair, Placer County Board of Supervisors

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RE: Proposed Truckee Regional Library Letter of Interest

Dear Truckee Library JPA Directors:

On behalf of the Placer County Board of Supervisors, we support the efforts of the Truckee Library Joint Powers Authority (Truckee Library JPA) for the proposed regional library services in the eastern portions of Placer and Nevada Counties.

The Placer County Board of Supervisors supports discussions between Placer County and the Truckee Library JPA on the proposed boundaries of a potential bond measure and potential membership on the Truckee Library JPA Board of Directors should the boundaries include Placer County properties.

In conjunction with the development of a Truckee Regional Library, we appreciate the commitment expressed to continue discussions on establishing a shared services delivery model which will not only enhance programming and capital opportunities for residents in eastern Placer and Nevada Counties as well as the Town of Truckee but will also result in a more efficient service delivery model for each of the respective jurisdictions.

Regional collaboration is a foundation for many projects and services in the eastern portion of Placer County and we appreciate the opportunity to model how agencies can work together to meet the needs of our collective communities, regardless of boundaries.

Sincerely,

COUNTY of PLACER

Suzanne Jones, Chair (District 4)
Placer County Board of Supervisors

Cc: Placer County Board of Supervisors