**LETTERHEAD**

**OFFICE OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AMADOR COUNTY**

October 7, 2019

Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Re: SNC1251 Project: AmCo Stewardship – Mokelumne Community Forest Project, Category 2 Planning Grant

To Whom It May Concern;

The Amador County Board of Supervisors is pleased to provide this letter of support to the Amador Fire Safe Council (AFSC) in its application to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy’s Category 2 Planning Grant program for the AmCo Stewardship – Mokelumne Community Forest project. The project will deliver environmental studies and silvicultural prescriptions on 431 acres on 9 Bureau of Land Management parcels with plans to expand the Mokelumne Community Forest concept to adjacent private lands for an “all lands” approach to reducing fire hazards in order to meet the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

We are in full support of AFSC’s fire prevention/watershed health efforts; we recognize that AFSC is working to increase the resiliency of all lands within Amador County with watersheds that provide domestic and agricultural water to millions of people downstream while protecting Amador County residents against catastrophic wildfire with destructive mass releases of CO2 emissions.

The Amador County Board of Supervisors has approved multiple Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPPs) in Amador County which address fire hazards and priority projects including the Amador County CWPP, the Pioneer/Volcano CWPP, the Volcano CWPP and the Greater Pine Grove CWPP. This project aligns with the goals and objectives of these approved CWPPs.

We present this letter in support of the AFSC application for improving the safety of residents, emergency responders, and all water users. The Amador County Board of Supervisors looks forward to our continued partnership with the Amador Fire Safe Council and to a more fire-resilient landscape in our future.

Sincerely,

Brian Oneto, Chairperson