



July 20th, 2011

To: Donner Summit PUD
Sierra Lakes County Water District

Re: Upgrade of Donner Summit sewer services

The Mountain Area Preservation Foundation is an environmental advocacy group promoting smart growth and open space preservation in the greater Truckee region. We have been working on Donner Summit with other environmental organizations on a variety of environmental issues for the past several years

We are writing to support the efforts of the Donner Summit PUD (DSPUD) and Sierra Lakes County Water District (SLCWD) to set a new standard for sewage treatment on Donner Summit.

The current Donner Summit sewage treatment plant is antiquated, and has been discharging unacceptably high levels of effluent byproducts into the Yuba river. As a result, it has been sanctioned by the state and DSPUD and SLCWD been required to correct the plant so as to protect the river.

Rather than proposing a stop - gap solution, DSPUD and SLCWD propose to build a new plant using new, but proven technology and by improving plant efficiency. It will also help deal with challenges to sewage processing at high altitude. A new plant will not only be able to solve the problems of the current one, the technology can be adapted to respond to new state regulations. The current plant, even if updated, could probably not do that.

DSPD and SLCWD have selected the most environmentally responsible and sustainable actions to solve the current problems. They will protect the Yuba River now and into the future. We strongly support funding for this laudable enterprise

Sincerely Yours

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John Eaton, President

