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Re: Local Agency Toolkit for Disaster Preparedness and Wildfire Resiliency

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Dear Ms. Key:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resilience Program's (ICARP) preparation of a local agency toolkit for disaster preparedness and wildfire resilience. We regret we cannot participate in person at the June 28 session. We support the ICARP Technical Advisory Council's (TAC) work to advance local wildfire adaptation and resilience actions, as we are working toward the same goal here in the Lake Tahoe Basin (Basin).

For context, the Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team (TFFT) formed in 2008, a year after the Angora Fire, with the twin aims of accelerating wildland-urban interface fuel reduction and preparing communities for wildfire. The partnership involves 20 federal, state, and local organizations. Seven local fire departments play a central role in engaging directly with the public to provide outreach, assistance and support for community wildfire adaptation. Currently, the TFFT is prioritizing resilience and recovery actions, especially for vulnerable populations, in addition to prevention and preparedness actions.

The California Tahoe Conservancy (Conservancy) provides collaborative leadership and support to the TFFT. The relationship demonstrates the value of a state agency in coordinating programmatic and financial State investments in a specific geography. Our partnership with TFFT has allowed us to jointly pilot innovative technologies and programs. The Conservancy and partner organizations would benefit from learning from the work of the TAC, and reciprocally would be pleased to share information on current activities and resources. We support the TAC's initiative to develop a local agency toolkit during this critical period in California's history.

Sincerely,
Dorian Fougères, Ph.D.

Chief of Natural Resources

Cc: Forest Schafer, Community Forestry Supervisor, Conservancy