

RESOLUTION NO. 22-

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A PROGRAM OF WORK TO BE KNOWN AS THE “ESCOG: COMMUNITY ECONOMIC RESILIENCY FUND PILOT PROGRAM”

WHEREAS, on January 7, 2020, the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG) convened as an established Joint Powers Authority as ratified by the votes of the governing bodies of its individual Member Agencies, understanding that it is necessary and desirable for the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments as a Joint Powers Authority to speak and to function on behalf of the region and to collectively identify and deliver opportunities to benefit the interests of Member Agencies’ constituents; and

WHEREAS, the Member Agencies agreed that the creation of a regional Joint Powers Authority that functions as a separate and discreet legal entity from individual Member Agencies would enable the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments to maximize and take advantage of opportunities for the region; and

WHEREAS, the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments Joint Powers Authority was organized to (1) provide a forum for discussion and study of regional issues of interest to the Member Agencies; (2) identify and plan for the solution of identified regional issues requiring multi-governmental cooperation; (3) facilitate actions and agreements among the Member Agencies for specific project development; and (4) conduct other region wide functions as Member Agencies deem appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the ESCOG was further organized to identify and apply for funding resources and to apply for and receive funding for the planning and implementation of Programs of regional impact or significance, and to implement such Programs, upon approval of the governing bodies of each Member Agency; and

WHEREAS, the State of California Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development and the Office of Planning and Research have established an unprecedented \$600 million regional economic development initiative known as the Community Economic Resilience Fund (CERF), which will provide a \$5,000,000 planning grant for regional economic development planning in the Eastern Sierra subregion, which includes Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Inyo, Mariposa, Mono, and Tuolumne Counties, to be focused on economic resilience, equity, and transitioning to carbon neutrality; and

WHEREAS, once the Eastern Sierra Region’s CERF planning process is complete, the region will be eligible to apply for \$500 million in competitive funding for implementation of the Eastern Sierra Region’s Regional Plan, with invitations for project solicitations anticipated to be announced in Winter 2023; and,

WHEREAS, The Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) has received a grant from the federal Economic Development Administration (EDA) and is working with Inyo County as the lead agency to create a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) to include Inyo and Mono Counties. The development of the CEDS is a mandatory prerequisite to access certain EDA funding

sources. The ESCOG can serve to coordinate the implementation of defined elements of the regional CEDS and serve as a funding source for defined EDA or other related grants; and

WHEREAS, Member Agencies will benefit from collective and enhanced collaboration on economic development projects such as those to be defined in the CERF planning effort and the regional CEDS and through a regional approach to accessing other State and Federal programs to support regional infrastructure, housing solutions, climate resiliency, sustainable recreation, and workforce development; and

WHEREAS, the constituents of the Member Agencies will benefit from funding opportunities to implement economic development activities of regional scope and significance through the authority of the ESCOG.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Mammoth Lakes as follows:

Section 1. That ESCOG be empowered to commence a pilot program to be known as the “ESCOG: Community Economic Resiliency Fund Pilot Program” which is established and pursued by the Eastern Sierra Council Government using its Joint Powers Authority.

Section 2. That, in executing the “ESCOG: Community Economic Resiliency Fund Pilot Program,” ESCOG be empowered to carry out the actions and activities enumerated in Sections 2, 3, and 4 of Resolution No 2022-12 of the ESCOG Board of Directors, which is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th day of September 2022.

LYNDA SALCIDO, Mayor

ATTEST:

JAMIE GRAY, Town Clerk