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Mr. Tim Woodall  
PARC Board President  
Protect American River Canyons

**RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR REMOVAL OF METAL AND CONCRETE DEBRIS  
FROM THE AMERICAN RIVER**

Dear Mr. Woodall:

I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the effort by Protect American River Canyons (PARC) to remove the steel and concrete wreckage of the former State Route (SR) 49 Bridge that washed out in a 1964 flood and remains in the North Fork of the American River within the Auburn State Recreation Area (Auburn SRA) just below the city of Auburn.

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) funded the 2014 North Fork/Middle Fork American River Metal Debris Inventory and Cleanup Plan that guides this effort.

The Auburn SRA has become an enormously popular recreation destination which is visited by more than a million people annually. The bridge debris constitutes a public safety hazard in and along the river at one of the most popular areas in the Auburn SRA known as the American River Confluence, where large numbers of people hike, swim, raft, picnic, and enjoy the spectacular scenery.

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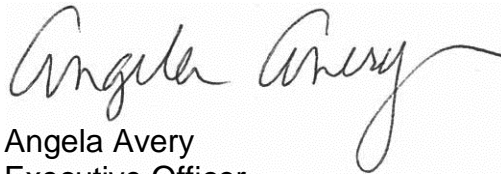
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Auburn SRA is a valuable public asset to the foothills of the Sierra Nevada and the greater Sacramento region, drawing people not only from around the region but from all over California and in fact from all over the world.

This effort aligns with the SNC mission to improve the environmental, economic, and social well-being of the Sierra Nevada Region.

Sincerely,



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Executive Officer



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