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SUBJECT: State Route 49 Bridge Debris Removal Project

Dear Legislators:

I am writing on behalf of the Placer County Water Agency in support of an effort led by Protect American River Canyon (PARC) to remove the steel and concrete wreckage of the former State Route (SR) 49 Bridge that remains in the North Fork American River between the Cities of Auburn and Cool within the Auburn State Recreation Area ("Auburn SRA").

The Auburn SRA has become an enormously popular recreational destination, visited by more than one million people annually and continues to attract more visitors every year. The bridge debris located just downstream of the existing rebuilt SR 49 Bridge constitutes a public safety hazard at one of the most popular areas of the Auburn SRA known as the American River Confluence.

The Agency recognizes the Auburn SRA as a remarkable asset to Placer County, enhancing the quality of life for its residents, and boosting the county's economy. We believe it is of vital

importance that the hazardous bridge debris that endangers the safety of the many park visitors who hike, swim, and boat in its vicinity, be removed as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

PLACER COUNTY WATER AGENCY

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Andrew Fecko  
General Manager

c: Toks Omishakin, Director, California Department of Transportation  
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