

- I [ If you are a Placer County resident, start out with “I am a Placer County resident in your District and] enthusiastically support the Hidden Falls Trail Expansion and urge your votes to certify the Supplemental EIR and to approve implementation of the scaled-down project proposed by Placer County Parks.
- Hidden Falls is a much-loved area for Truckee residents who often head west on days our own trails are covered in snow but we prefer hiking boots and bikes over skis. Hidden Falls is a popular and frequent day trip for several months out of the year. The plan for an additional 30 miles of new trail, along with expanded parking and supporting facilities, can only be a win for us all. Doubling the size of the Hidden Falls trail network will open up new opportunities for trails-based recreation, and innumerable benefits to users and the local economy.
- Placer County trails are in high demand year-round. In fact, the trails and parking lots can find themselves overcrowded and sometimes failing to provide the outdoor experience hikers, bikers, and equestrians hope for. It is not uncommon for users to be turned away due to lack of parking. Trail recreation is only going to grow in appeal; the Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project is the perfect opportunity to help Placer County meet the current and growing demand.
- We found that the final Supplemental EIR fully addressed the hundreds of comment letters that were received on the draft, incorporated necessary revisions, and will serve as an effective environmental framework for years to come.
- I support the reduced project implementation that County Parks proposes because it significantly expands current parking, including a new trailhead at Twilight Ride, and will open up 30 miles of new trails in Placer Land Trust Preserves, while still scaling back the entire project substantially to minimize impact on the neighboring properties.
- It is understandable that neighbors of the Project are concerned about impacts on their neighborhood, but it is not reasonable of them to seek abolishing the project. The County’s proposal is a reasonable compromise.
- The public benefits of this project are strong, while any possible impacts are minimal. This project represents a tremendous opportunity for the region, and I am confident it will be implemented with care.