CALIFORNIA OFF-HIGHWAY MOTOR VEHICLE RECREATION COMMISSION
Ad Hoc Committee on Rubicon Trail Dialogue

November 19, 2026

Placer County Board of Supervisors
c/o Megan Wood, Clerk of the Board
175 Fulweiler Avenue
Auburn, CA 95603

RE: Protecting Long-Term Public Access to the Rubicon Trail – RS 2477 Rights

Dear Chair and Members of the Board of Supervisors:

As members of the California Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Commission's Ad Hoc Committee on Rubicon Trail Dialogue, we respectfully request that the Board direct County Counsel and appropriate staff to evaluate and pursue formal recognition of Placer County's applicable public right-of-way rights under Revised Statute 2477 (RS 2477) along the County's portion of the historic Rubicon Trail, including consideration of a Board resolution affirming those rights.

The Rubicon Trail is one of California's most iconic and nationally recognized off-highway vehicle (OHV) recreation destinations. Formal recognition of applicable public right-of-way rights could help protect long-term, year-round access while supporting responsible stewardship and public safety.

We recognize that pursuing these rights may raise questions about maintenance responsibilities and costs. Through ongoing dialogue, trail stakeholders, volunteer organizations, and governmental partners have expressed a strong willingness to collaborate with the County on maintenance and stewardship, helping reduce demands on County resources.

Through continued collaboration, partners, such as Federal, State, County and Rubicon Trail stakeholders, are exploring several approaches to securing the trail's long-term future. Strategies being explored include memorandums of agreement, Congressional recognition, Forest Plan amendments, and other good neighbor collaborative approaches.

While these strategies are worth pursuing, we believe formal recognition of Placer County's applicable RS 2477 rights offers an important opportunity to establish more durable legal protections for public access that extend beyond changing federal administrative policies and priorities

The Ad Hoc Committee welcomes the opportunity to convene these partners to discuss a practical, shared approach to preserving access and caring for the trail.

Thank you for considering this request and for your leadership in preserving the Rubicon Trail for future generations.

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