

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-60

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF NEVADA CITY TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO KEEP
SOUTH YUBA RIVER STATE PARK AND MALAKOFF DIGGINS STATE PARK OPEN**

WHEREAS, The California state park system includes 278 state parks, beaches, historic parks, recreation areas, and other park units;

WHEREAS, Many of the state's most unique natural, cultural, and historic resources and artifacts are contained in the state park system;

WHEREAS, Our community relies on state parks for bringing California's history to life for schoolchildren, allowing families and friends to enjoy recreation and solace in nature, and protecting irreplaceable resources for future generations;

WHEREAS, State parks are an important economic engine to the city, the county and California in general, and studies have shown that every dollar invested in the state park system returns more, largely in the form of economic activity in our area;

WHEREAS, The South Yuba River State Park and Malakoff Diggins State Park have been identified for closure as a direct result of the budget cuts proposed in Fiscal Year 2011-12 by Governor Jerry Brown and adopted by the Legislature;

WHEREAS, These parks are unique, historic, culturally important and iconic state parks and are irreplaceable resources for our residents, visitors, and students alike;

WHEREAS, Permanent closures of these parks will deny Nevada City's and Nevada County's residents and visitors access to lands and resources that belong to all of the state's residents;

WHEREAS, Such a proposal creates considerable harm for the city because it relies, in part, on tourism from these parks for our community's livelihood and identity;

WHEREAS, Closing the South Yuba River State Park and Malakoff Diggins State Park will likely increase costs and liability to the city and it will also impact the public's safety;

WHEREAS, The City of Nevada City believes it is important for the state to maintain its commitment to South Yuba River State Park and Malakoff Diggins State Park and keep these parks open

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Nevada City hereby opposes any proposal to close South Yuba River State Park and Malakoff Diggins State Park, and the city urges the Legislature to uphold the public's trust in protecting and preserving public access to these treasures in the state park system.


PASSED AND ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Nevada City on the 14th day of December, 2011 by the following vote:

AYES: MCKAY, STRAWSER, BERGMAN, SENUM, HARRIS

NOES: NONE

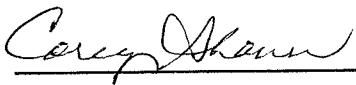
ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE



David McKay, Mayor

ATTEST:



Corey Shaver, Deputy City Clerk