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## Elected officials helped save Bridgeport

Our elected officials have demonstrated leadership from day one in our community's efforts to save the Bridgeport Covered Bridge. That is why we must respectfully disagree with Mr. George Boardman's recent editorial to the contrary.

However, we thank Mr. Boardman for his concern for the iconic wood-covered bridge in the South Yuba River State Park and, once again, drawing attention to this important issue. Without the unanimous support of the Nevada County Board of Supervisors and the city and town councils of Grass Valley, Nevada City and Truckee, as well as our state representatives, the funding for this project would never have been proposed by the governor or passed by the legislature.

As the governor's funding proposal moved through the budget committee legislative process, there was a significant difference between his proposal and the Senate committee's recommendation. Without the intercession of the Nevada County Board of Supervisors and especially Supervisor Hank Weston, the two conflicting proposals would not have been resolved and the funding may have been in jeopardy. In fact, Nevada City Councilman Robert Bergman and Supervisor Hank Weston attended every meeting with legislators and every budget subcommittee meeting in Sacramento, where they both spoke in favor of saving our bridge. Now that is leadership!

We want to thank the whole community for every letter, email, fax and phone call they made. We thank every Nevada County elected official, the South Yuba River Park Association (SYRPA), the South Yuba River Citizens League (SYRCL), the Bear Yuba Land Trust, every Nevada County Chamber of Commerce, the Grass Valley Downtown Association and the Nevada County Historical Society for their unwavering support for the campaign. and we are not done! Everyone, please continue to support this effort. As we move into the stabilization construction this fall and then into the restoration phase we continue to need your support and attention to this vital project. Stay informed, watch the SYRPA and SYRCL websites for new information and possible calls to action.

Let's stay on top of this restoration and future reopening of the longest single span wood covered bridge left in the world. Our new slogan is "Save our bridge – get it done."

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