

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
TRUCKEE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF NEVADA COUNTY
NEVADA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

RESOLUTION 22-2022

In the Matter of:

Local Amendments to the State Fire Code

Findings of Facts based on Local Conditions to Support Local Amendments

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Truckee Fire Protection District of Nevada County (District) operates under the Fire Protection District Law of 1987; and

WHEREAS, portions of the jurisdictional boundaries of the Truckee Fire Protection District of Nevada County are located within Nevada County and depicted in Exhibit A to this Resolution, attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein as if set forth in full; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 13869, the Truckee Fire Protection District of Nevada County may adopt by reference the 2022 California Fire Code, which establishes minimum building standards related to fire and hazardous conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Truckee Fire Protection District of Nevada County wishes to rescind all prior Fire Codes and amendments thereto that have been adopted by the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Truckee Fire Protection District of Nevada County wishes to formally adopt the 2022 California Fire Code with amendments thereto as set forth in Exhibit B to this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 13869.7, 17958.5, and 17958.7, the Truckee Fire Protection District of Nevada County may adopt standards more stringent than the state standards when the Board of Directors make findings that such modifications are reasonably necessary due to local climatic, geological, or topographical conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Truckee Fire Protection District of Nevada County has identified local conditions that support the adoption of amendments to the 2022 California Fire Code as articulated below.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of Truckee Fire Protection District of Nevada County does hereby resolve as follows:




SECTION 1. The Board of Directors of the Truckee Fire Protection District of Nevada County finds that modifications or changes to the California Fire Code are reasonably necessary because of local climatic, geological, or topographical conditions within the jurisdictional

boundaries of the District. The Board of Directors sets forth the following findings of fact to support its amendments to the 2022 California Fire Code:

1. These amendments are necessary for the preservation of the public health and safety and welfare due to the unique local climatic, geological, and topographical conditions found within the District boundaries.
2. The District encompass a variety of elevations and topographical challenges which give rise to the need to modify certain provisions of the California Fire Code in order to adequately protect and defend the citizens and property within the District boundaries from catastrophic wildfires and other emergencies.
3. The District encompasses a variety of terrain ranging from steep slopes to valleys, and rivers and canals, which create impediments to fire equipment access, public egress, and community safety.
4. The District includes areas with limited access due to narrow and steep roads which hinders fire apparatus travel over these roads, resulting in delay response times to emergencies, and creating impediments to public safety.
5. The District includes areas where the slope of the terrain is extreme. These steep slopes limit the ability of firefighters to effectively work on the slopes, and at the same time, result in rapid fire spread up the slope. The combination of these two factors creates a situation that is dangerous to firefighter safety and results in increased fire spread endangering other areas and structures.
6. The District routinely experiences severe winter weather, such as freezing conditions, heavy rains, snowfall, etc. These climatic conditions present difficulty and delays in fire apparatus responding to and accessing properties.
7. The severe winter weather within the District results in traffic delays, downed trees, and fallen powerlines, all of which slow fire apparatus response, hinder fire apparatus access to properties, and impede access to equipment and facilities on these properties.
8. The severe winter weather within the District results in obstructed access to doors and entry openings into buildings and structures. Obstruction of these openings reduces the ability for fire personnel to enter buildings and respond to emergencies, which delays firefighter action against a growing fire.
9. The severe winter weather within the District creates hazards due to additional snow loads. These snow loads cause damage to aboveground equipment and appliances as the snow melts and slides downslope.
10. The entire District is subject to wildland fires. Wildland fires pose a drawdown of equipment and personnel available to respond to additional emergencies within the

District. The drawdown results in a delay in firefighter action due to extended response times from other fire stations or fire departments.

SECTION 2. This resolution was duly passed by the Board of Directors of the Truckee Fire Protection District of Nevada County, located in the County of Nevada, at a regular meeting held on September 20, 2022, by the following vote on roll call:

AYES:  NOES: _____
Gary R. Botto
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Erin E. Prado
 ABSENT: Victor R. Hernandez
Paul D. Wilford

Gerald W. Herrick

ABSTAIN: _____

ATTESTED BY: 
Joyce L. Engler, Administrative Officer

DATED: September 20, 2022