



April 7, 2022

Jennifer Eberlien, Regional Forester
(and Reviewing Officer)

Attn: SERAL
1323 Club Drive
Vallejo, CA 94592

To Jennifer and the Regional Office staff:

Our organizations (the Central Sierra Environmental Resource Center and the Tuolumne River Trust) submitted detailed comments in response to the proposed SERAL project. We have engaged to the fullest possible degree throughout the planning process and in discussions with Stanislaus National Forest staff over the **Draft Record of Decision – A Significant Step Towards Resiliency**.

Our organizations support the draft ROD (at times referred to as SERAL draft ROD 2).

With this letter, CSERC and TRT are requesting to be intervenors in the Objection process and Objection discussions for all Objections submitted for the **Draft Record of Decision – A Significant Step Towards Resiliency**. We believe that our organizations can provide value as intervenor participants due to our in-depth knowledge of the project area, our understanding of the issues that have been raised by project opponents, and the potential for our involvement to identify possible middle ground adjustments or clarifications that could resolve Objections.

As required by (36 CFR 218.8(d)(1)-(6)):

Lead Objector

John Buckley, Executive Director
Central Sierra Environmental Resource Center
P.O. Box 396
Twain Harte, CA 95383

Patrick Koeple, Executive Director
Tuolumne River Trust
P.O. Box 3727
Sonora, CA 95370

Project: The SERAL project: Draft Record of Decision – A Significant Step Towards Resiliency

Responsible Official: Jason Kuiken, Forest Supervisor, Stanislaus National Forest

Aspects of the project addressed by Objections and our requested intervention: Any and all aspects...

While minor adjustments or clarifications may improve the project or reduce concerns that have been raised, it is our belief that the project and the draft ROD - A Significant Step Towards Resiliency - does not violate law, regulation, or policy; and our involvement in objection proceedings may help to clarify that position. Our comments submitted throughout the SERAL project planning process address the full range of proposed treatments, the Forest Plan Amendments, and the trade-offs of short-term treatment effects compared to longer term treatment benefits.

If this request to participate in the Objection process either omits essential information or needs modification to be legally sufficient, please communicate that speedily so that we can rectify any deficiency.

Respectfully submitted,

Handwritten signature of John Buckley in black ink.

John Buckley, Executive Director
Central Sierra Environmental Resource Center

Handwritten signature of Patrick Koepele in black ink.

Patrick Koepele, Executive Director
Tuolumne River Trust