

**Resolution of the
Tuolumne County Transportation Council**

Resolution Recognizing the contribution of Volunteers for an Outdoor California (V-O-Cal), Dragoon Gulch Care Taker Kevin Anderson and Sonora local Karie Lew, who served as the project coordinator, for selecting Dragoon Gulch Trail system as a V-O-Cal project and delivering a new ½ mile of trail to the overall network

- Whereas,** Volunteers for Outdoor California, V-O-Cal, provides a volunteer workforce for large-scale trail maintenance and construction projects, habitat restoration, and related land stewardship activities on public lands in partnership with public agencies and other nonprofit organizations; and
- Whereas,** V-O-Cal provides the project planning and volunteer supervision for our land manager partners. A typical V-O-Cal project accumulates hundreds of planning hours before the project weekend and provides the equipment, trained crew leaders, and quality control monitoring for the project itself, in accordance with the standards developed cooperatively with the partner agency (City of Sonora); and
- Whereas,** V-O-Cal projects are weekend-long, starting with setting up Center Camp on Friday night and finishing at approximately 2 pm on Sunday; and
- Whereas,** Rather than focus on a single park, area, or land manager partner, V-O-Cal moves around and works with a broad range of partners throughout the region; and
- Whereas,** The Dragoon Gulch Trail Project officially began in 2002 with the City's receipt of a \$500,000 Roberti-Z'Berg-Harris Nonurbanized Area Grant (RZH). The 100 acre site had been slated for residential development but owner, Dr. Audrey Glover, was in support of the City's efforts and sold the property (35 acres) to the City at a reduced rate; and
- Whereas,** the Dragoon Gulch Trail is located in the heart of Sonora and provides its visitors with a unique opportunity to stroll through the Mother Lode's oak woodlands with over 3 miles of natural trails winding along a seasonal creek and providing vistas with spectacular views of the City. The trails vary in difficulty making it perfect for the casual walker and for those who want a strenuous hike, jog or bike ride; and
- Whereas,** Karie Lew, a City of Sonora resident, worked tirelessly to bring V-O-Cal to Sonora, received all the necessary approvals from the City of Sonora, recruited volunteers from the local community and the Bay Area, coordinated the 3 day event (October 11-13) and generally facilitated the successful completion of trail building project; and
- Whereas,** Kevin Anderson, Dragoon Gulch Care Taker, worked significant hours to flag the trail, clear brush, support event activities and coordinate resources (Sierra Conservation Crew, Cal Fire, and local volunteers) to finish and fine tune the excellent work accomplished through V-O-Cal, allowing for a trail extension ready to be accessed; and
- Whereas,** Transportation networks such as Dragoon Gulch are regularly enjoyed by a myriad of different users, improving community health, connecting users socially, strengthen users connection with the outdoors and serve as connections to transit and safe routes to school; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Tuolumne County Transportation Council thanks Volunteers for Outdoor California, Karie Lew and the 170 volunteers who participated and contributed to the improvement of Dragoon Gulch.

Passed and Adopted by the Tuolumne County Transportation Council, the Regional Transportation Planning Agency for the Tuolumne County Region, State of California, at a regular meeting of the TCTC held on the 11th day of December 2019 by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Attest:

Michael Ayala, Chair

Darin Grossi, Executive Director