## 2020 Impact Statement

### Regional Advocacy
- **Climate Action**: Helped advance a climate resilience bond and regional climate adaptation planning, conservation, and greenhouse gas reductions policy. Hosted Sierra Day in the Capitol with regional partners. Positioned climate policies, including a climate resilience bond, for the next legislative session.
- **Wildfire Resilience**: Released report on Biomass in the Sierra Nevada. Worked on a proactive wildfire prevention funding package with key legislators. Supported career pathway legislation for formerly incarcerated wildfire crew members. Introduced budget recommendations for emergency forest management and wildfire prevention funding.
- **Rural Broadband Access**: Supported Governor Newsom's Broadband for All commitment. Recommended CASF funding for underserved communities and supported CASF draft funding guidelines to increase broadband access.
- **Affordable & Achievable Housing**: Advanced affordable and achievable housing objectives in partnership with the Mountain Housing Council, including an eviction moratorium (AB 3088) to protect tenants impacted by COVID-19.
- **Economic Development**: Developed a list of over 250 shovel-ready-projects to increase funding in the region. Supported the Great American Outdoors Act Conducted Census 2020 outreach in hard to reach areas of Plumas and Sierra Counties.

### Economic Empowerment
- **Housing**: Distributed nearly $1.5m in Down Payment Assistance via 29 loans through the Martis Fund.
- **Broadband Access**: Helped deploy over $1.2 million to bring reliable broadband to the Sierra.
- **Biomass**: Revitalized the Loyalton biomass with facility owners by negotiating feedstock contracts and recruiting campus tenants.

### Critical COVID-19 Emergency Economic Response
- **Provided direct support to 1,346 clients** from March 15 - Oct 1st
- **Helped businesses** access CARES Act funding, apply for the Paycheck Protection Program, navigate closures and regulations, and scale operations to survive the declared economic disaster.
  - Administered federal and local grants, including Placer Shares Impact Grants ($8 million), Placer Invests ($5 million), Nevada County Relief Fund ($200,000).
  - Partnered with grassroots community supporters to launch the Resilience Fund and make 23 loans (a total of $385,800).
  - Served 914 new clients over the course of 3,539 hours.
  - Supported 3,488 jobs.
  - Hosted 28 virtual workshops and webinars attended by 146 individuals.
  - Answered thousands of questions about state, local, and federal resources.

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#### Climate Action
- **Energy Action Plans (EAPs)**: Implemented EAPs in Nevada County, Grass Valley, Nevada City, and Sonora to bring more energy savings and climate resilience projects to the Sierra.
- **Energy Efficiency**: Facilitated projects for Jackson, Colfax, Donner Summit Public Utilities District, Placer County, and Quincy Fire District.
- **GHG Inventories**: Finalized the GHG Inventory for Nevada Irrigation District and began the Lake Tahoe GHG Inventory Update, Calaveras and Angels Camp GHG Inventory, and potential GHG reduction plans.
- **Self Generation Incentive Program**: Increased access to funds for rural and medically vulnerable households in PG&E territory through SWELL Energy partnership.
- **Microgrids**: Published report for local governments and residents to better understand microgrid implementation and energy independence. Presented report findings at the Ad Hoc Biomass Statewide Working Group.
- **Vulnerability Assessment**: Began a 22 county climate vulnerability assessment, examining how climate change is expected to socially and economically affect Sierra communities.
- **Community Webinars**: Hosted several panels of experts on topics ranging from microgrid implementation to managing sustainable recreation after COVID-19.