

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.
- **Recreation Economy:** Produced LTWT Map & Access Guide. Featured 1860 businesses and destinations on Sierra Nevada Geotourism.
- **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.**



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.