



March 18, 2020

The Honorable Brian Dahle  
Member, California State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 2054  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Senate Bill 989 – SUPPORT  
As Introduced February 21, 2020**

Dear Senator Dahle:

On behalf of the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), I am writing to express our support for your Senate Bill 989, which would modify areas listed under the definitions of the Sierra Nevada Region and subregions of the Sierra Nevada Conservancy. RCRC is an association of thirty-seven rural California counties, and the RCRC Board of Directors is comprised of elected supervisors from those member counties.

State conservancies, like the Sierra Nevada Conservancy, are departments within the California Natural Resources Agency that encompass a unique, though often similar, mission of the protection and restoration of their defined regions physical, cultural, recreational, educational and other attributes through the acquisition of land and other programs that fulfill the objectives of the conservancy. Under current law, the Sierra Nevada Conservancy is prescribed with the functions and duties to the preserve specified lands in the Sierra Nevada Region.

Specifically, SB 989 would modify Section 33302 of the Public Resources Code to alter the boundaries of the Sierra Nevada Conservancy to read "...and up to the southern boundary of the Pit River watershed where Bear Creek Mountain Road and Dry Creek Road intersect; the southern boundary of the Pit River watershed; the western boundary of the upper Sacramento watershed; on the north by the boundary of the upper Sacramento, McCloud, and Pit River watersheds in the County of Siskiyou." Expanding the boundaries of areas within the Sierra Nevada Conservancy comports with the desire of Siskiyou County. In addition, RCRC believes it would further strengthen ongoing efforts that support improved environmental, economic, and social well-being in our communities.

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For the above reasons, RCRC supports your SB 989. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [mwarmerdam@rcrcnet.org](mailto:mwarmerdam@rcrcnet.org) or (916) 447-4806.

Sincerely,



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