



Agenda Item: 14.N
Date of Meeting: October 23, 2023
Department: Planning

STAFF REPORT

To: City Council
From: Ana Budnyk
Subject: **A Resolution Approving The Eastern Sierra Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for Alpine, Inyo, And Mono Counties, The Town Of Mammoth Lakes, and The City Of Bishop**
Prepared On: October 17, 2023
Attachments: A Resolution Approving The Eastern Sierra Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
Exhibit A_Eastern Sierra Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

Background/History:

The Eastern Sierra, encompassing Alpine, Inyo, and Mono Counties, has successfully developed a regional economic development strategy necessary for accessing federal funding opportunities, known as a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). The project received funding through a grant from the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) and was prepared by Thomas P. Miller and Associates (TPMA). A stakeholder committee, comprising staff members from each member agency along with TPMA, collaborated on the process to finalize the draft CEDS. This process included comprehensive stakeholder meetings held throughout the Eastern Sierra during the week of April 24, 2023. The draft CEDS underwent a public review from July 31 to August 30, 2023, and relevant comments have been incorporated into the document. The draft has been submitted to the US Economic Development Administration (EDA) for review, and they have confirmed that it complies with all requirements for acceptance.

Analysis/Discussion:

The draft CEDS, a strategic blueprint for fostering sustainable economic growth and prosperity in the region, is a result of the collective endeavors of various stakeholders. These stakeholders encompass local businesses, community organizations, and government agencies, all working together to improve the economic well-being of our communities. Upon adoption, the CEDS will not only guide economic development efforts in the Eastern Sierra but also render the City eligible for additional grant funding from the EDA and other funding sources.

The Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG) is proposed to be the entity that submits the CEDS to the US Economic Development Administration for formal approval on

behalf of the region. The finalized CEDS will be adopted by the ESCOG and its member governing bodies through a resolution, and then the ESCOG will submit the final CEDS to the EDA.

Economic Impacts:

Unknown

Budget Impacts:

None

Legal Review:

City Attorney Pucci has reviewed this item and finds that it complies with the law.

Recommended Action:

Council consideration to approve the proposed resolution relating to the Eastern Sierra Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (by title only).

Approved By: Robin Picken 10/17/2023

Approved By: Dean Pucci 10/17/2023

Approved By: Nora Gamino 10/18/2023

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