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To: Shanna Kuhlemier and the Truckee Donner PUD Board

RE: Broadband committee report

Shanna, Oasis Broadband would like to submit the following Public Comment for presentation to the board after the presentation of the Broadband Committee's report.

Oasis Broadband is a local provider of Internet services. We have worked to provide the communities inside Placer and Nevada County and specifically Truckee with broadband options for 20 years and serve 1000s of customers who buy our services largely because the current providers are not meeting the needs of the community in terms of their coverage or their performance. We have been fighting for the most remote as well as the most underserved residents of Truckee especially during these last two years as Covid reshaped the make-up of Truckee residents and the way many Truckee residents used their homes. We added capacity quickly and relentlessly to provide service at locations ignored by the two incumbents in places like Prosser Dam, Juniper Hill and the developments of Coyote run and Pinyon Creek and applied for and received county grants to serve the most distant residents of our community in Dog Valley and Klondike Flat not to mention augmenting our service in Tahoe Donner and expanding service along highway 89S.

We would like to make the following statements to the board:

- 1) We support the Broadband Committee's suggestions presented this evening
- 2) ISPs are very interested in working with the PUD to make better broadband a reality for Truckee
- 3) We encourage the PUD to partner with additional ISPs who are ready to invest and deliver for every corner and every resident of Truckee
- 4) We would like to offer to share what we know about grant funding, the broadband chokepoints and needs in Truckee and how wireless can be used to provide an immediate solution to address the failure of Suddenlink and AT&T to provide usable broadband in Truckee
- 5) Encourage the PUD to accelerate its expenditures on core fiber assets. This would accelerate and facilitate cooperation that would begin to address the community's highly inadequate internet service levels now and also provide for the long-term needs of the town by increasing the availability of ultra high-capacity to the main corners of Truckee
- 6) Inform the board that we have had proposals for cooperation with the PUD on the table for some time, which haven't been pursued presumably pending the expiration of the agreement with PST and the outcome of this study. We have a backlog of projects that will allow the PUD to show immediate results for the community if staff is allowed to pursue them.

In our opinion, Truckee is in a broadband crisis. The evidence for this are the consistent critical comments on Truckee-related Facebook and Nextdoor pages - some of which are in the presentation you have just seen. Truckee needs alternatives immediately which architecturally are within easy reach as shown by the successes of the cooperation with the PST. We further agree with the committee's findings that Truckee needs a blueprint for reliable, high capacity, long-term solution to ensure Truckee's future is not compromised by the lack of a utility as important as broadband. This long-term plan should be a deliberate activity that incorporates every tool, asset, organization and dollar available and that may take many smart people and a significant amount of time to construct. The PUD is uniquely positioned to meet many of those needs and can be a supporter and contributor without encountering the kind of resistance it experienced in its previous attempt to lead a broadband revolution if the solution is oriented on facilitation not domination.

Respectfully and optimistically,

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