



SECRETARY OF STATE

I, *BILL JONES*, Secretary of State of the State of California, hereby certify:

That the attached transcript of 7 page(s) has been compared with the record on file in this office, of which it purports to be a copy, and that it is full, true and correct.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I execute this certificate and affix the Great Seal of the State of California this day of

JAN 14 1999



Bill Jones

Secretary of State

JAN 14 1999

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

FOR


BILL JONES, Secretary of State**FIRE SAFE COUNCIL OF NEVADA COUNTY, INC.**

A California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation

I. NAME

The name of this corporation is Fire Safe Council of Nevada County, Inc.

II. PURPOSE

A. This corporation is a nonprofit public benefit corporation and is not organized for the private gain of any person. It is organized under the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law for public purposes.

B. The specific purpose of this corporation is to protect the citizens, property, and natural resources of the County from the effects of catastrophic wildland fires, to improve forest health, and to improve air and water quality. The mission will be accomplished through interagency and neighborhood coordination along with a strong public and private partnership focusing on public education, wildland fuel reduction, and fire hazard reduction and risk reduction.

III. TAX STATUS

A. This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the corporation will not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation, and the corporation will not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law.

B. No substantial part of the activities of this corporation will consist of carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, except as provided in section 501(h) of the Internal Revenue Code, and the corporation will not participate or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office.

C. The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable and educational purposes and no part of the net earnings of this corporation will ever inure to the benefit of any of its directors, trustees, officers, private shareholders or members thereof or to the benefit of any private person.

D. On the dissolution and winding up of this corporation, its assets remaining after payment of, or provision for payment of, all debts and liabilities of this corporation, will be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational or other exempt purposes and which has established its tax-exempt status under Section 501 (c) (3) of the internal Revenue Code or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law.

IV. INITIAL AGENT FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS

The names and address in the State of California of this corporation's initial agent for service of process are:

Kate Dargan-Mattia

10242 Ridge Road

Nevada City, CA

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ROBERT W. HARTLEY / INCORPORATOR

