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## FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR

### NOW IS THE TIME...

Governor Jerry Brown has included a \$424,000 funding allocation in the 2015/16 State Budget in annual support for the new Donner Memorial State Park Visitor Center. SSPF has been advocating for this additional funding and now it is in the budget, we all must rally to make sure this line item addition remains! These funds will provide permanent and seasonal park staff to operate and maintain this facility. Also funds will support the additional cost burden of increased utility fees and facility maintenance. Without this funding the new Visitor Center may be open only 3 days a week with a skeleton staff. This magnificent new facility will be grossly underutilized and risks falling into the old cycle of deferred maintenance. The funding for the Visitor Center is critical to keep the new facility fully operational and open 7 days a week.

With your support, SSPF has committed the funds required to hire a Museum Coordinator for the immediate future. But it cannot sustain this funding and provide for the educational and outreach components we are committed to delivering for years to come.

**NOW IS THE TIME** for all of our members, sponsors and community contributors to contact your legislators and urge them to adopt this budget! Policymakers need to hear about this important issue for our community and State Park supporters.

Please carefully read the enclosed letter and either send it directly, or write one of your own, sharing why this is an important issue for you and your family. We sincerely thank our members for your continued support. **NOW IS THE TIME** to let our voices be heard!

Yours in parks,  
Heidi Doyle  
Executive Director



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We Believe

## We Believe!

We, at the Sierra State Parks Foundation, believe that Lake Tahoe and Truckee area California State Parks are unique treasures worthy of our support.

SSPF provides critical financial support for restoration and maintenance projects, creative programming, and a dedicated volunteer staff.

Because of our work, these valuable cultural and natural resources will continue to be places of inspiration and education for generations to come.

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From left to right: Rosie Smith, Kym Fabel & Lolly Kupec

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