



RESOLUTION No. 22-456

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT 1 TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NEVADA AND ASCENT ENVIRONMENTAL, INC TO DEVELOP A BROADBAND PROGRAMMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT EXTENDING THE CONTRACT TERM FROM AUGUST 30, 2022 TO JUNE 30, 2023

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors in their January 2022 workshop made broadband expansion and deployment an “A” level standalone Board Objective; and

WHEREAS, the County has a staff level broadband team working to achieve the Board’s stated broadband objective, making Nevada County attractive to potential broadband providers and competitive for the pending State and Federal broadband funding programs; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors previously designated \$250,000 of the PG&E settlement funds to a broadband environmental impact report (“EIR”) objective; and

WHEREAS, the County received a grant from the California Emerging Technology Fund in the amount of \$50,000 for this project; and

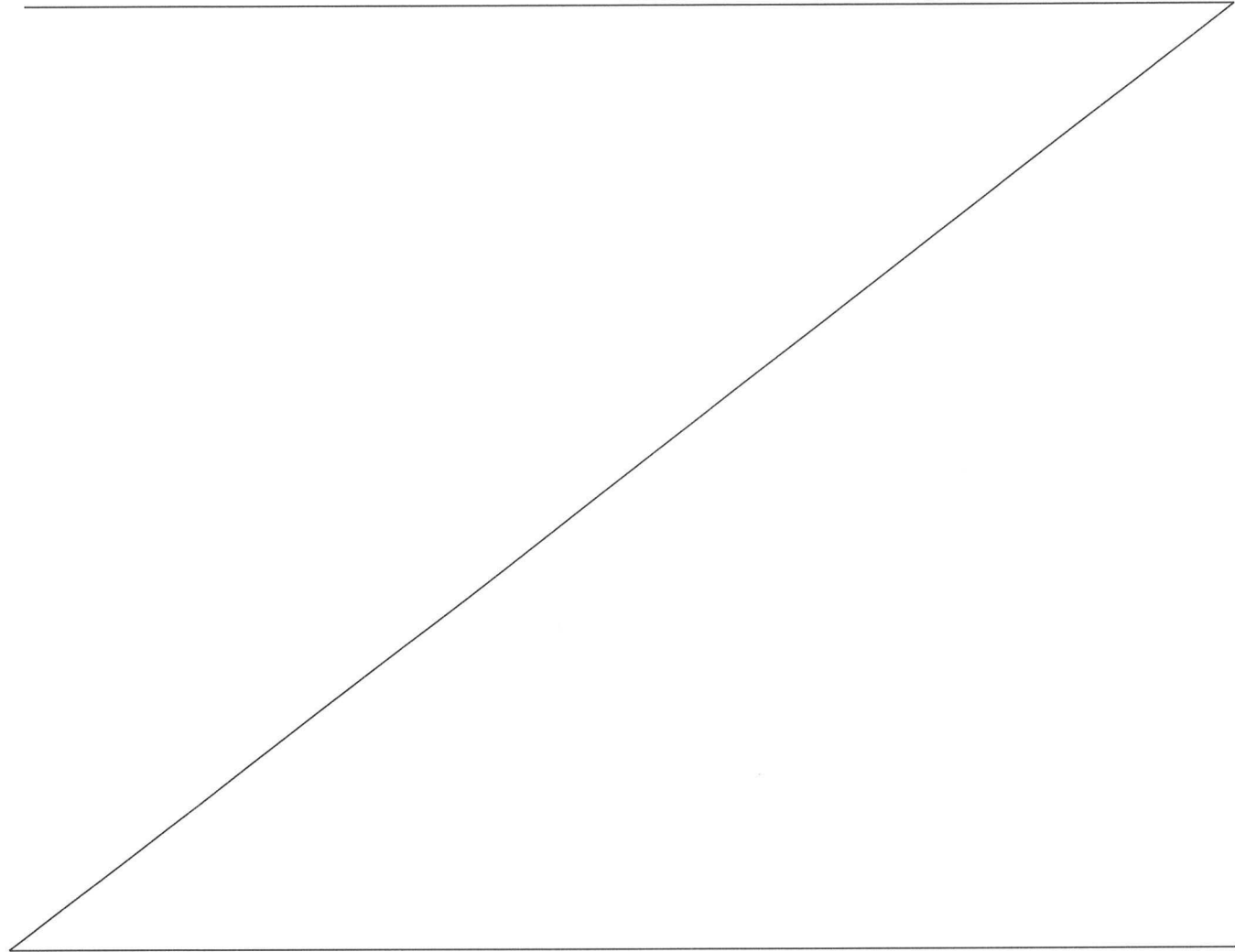
WHEREAS, the purpose of the Countywide Programmatic EIR is to analyze the overall impacts and benefits from approving and permitting the construction and installation of ubiquitous high-speed Internet infrastructure throughout Nevada County so that each proposed broadband project can be evaluated in the context of the net contributions to advancing the official policy of the Nevada County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, on October 12, 2021, the Board of Supervisors approved Resolution 21-455 to execute a contract with Ascent Environmental Inc to develop a broadband Programmatic EIR in an amount not to exceed \$276,000 for a term of October 12, 2021 through August 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the vendor continues to make progress on the draft Programmatic EIR and both parties desire to extend the contract termination date to June 30, 2023 to allow for additional time to complete the EIR.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada, State of California, hereby authorizes the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute Amendment 1 to the contract between the County of Nevada and Ascent Environmental, Inc pertaining to developing a broadband Programmatic Environmental Impact Report extending the contract termination from August 30, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

Funding:
0101-11003-531-5000 521520



PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada at a regular meeting of said Board, held on the 23rd day of August, 2022, by the following vote of said Board:

Ayes: Supervisors Heidi Hall, Edward Scofield, Dan Miller and Susan K. Hoek.

Noes: None.

Absent: Hardy Bullock.

Abstain: None.

ATTEST:

JULIE PATTERSON HUNTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By:  _____

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Susan K. Hoek, Chair

8/23/2022 cc: IGS*
AC*(hold)

8/30/2022 cc: IGS*
AC*(release)

AMENDMENT 1 TO CONTRACT WITH ASCENT ENVIRONMENTAL, INC

THIS AMENDMENT is executed this 23rd day of August, 2022 by and between Ascent Environmental, Inc. and COUNTY OF NEVADA (Ascent Environmental, Inc. and COUNTY OF NEVADA are hereinafter referred to as "the Parties"). Said Amendment will amend the prior Contract between the Parties entitled CEQA Compliance for Nevada County Broadband Project effective October 12, 2021 by Resolution No. 21-455.

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to amend the Contract to allow or provide for an extension of the Contract termination date to complete the scope of work.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:

1. This Amendment shall be effective as of August 23, 2022.
2. That Section 3 "Term" shall be updated to reflect a termination date of June 30, 2023
3. That in all other respects the prior Contract of the Parties shall remain in full force and effect except as amended herein.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
COUNTY COUNSEL

K.L. Elliott
By: K.L. Elliott (Aug 30, 2022 10:23 PDT)

COUNTY OF NEVADA

Susan Hoek
By: Susan Hoek (Aug 24, 2022 18:20 MDT)
Honorable Sue Hoek
Chair of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

JPH
By: Julie Patterson-Hunter (Aug 25, 2022 21:07 PDT)
Julie Patterson Hunter
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

CONTRACTOR:

Sydney Coatsworth
By: Sydney Coatsworth (Aug 23, 2022 15:01 PDT)