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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: September 27, 2022

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Steve Monaghan – IGS-Emergency Management**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the contract between the Fire Safe Council of Nevada County and the County of Nevada Office of Emergency Services for the CAL FIRE California Climate Investments Fire Prevention Grant for the 20-FP-NEU-0242 South County Shaded Fuel Break Project in the amount of \$901,578.00 with an in-kind match requirement of \$85,620 for use during the period September 27, 2022 through December 31, 2024 authorizing the Director of Emergency Services to execute the contract, and amending the FY 22/23 Emergency Services Budget (4/5 vote required)

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: The \$901,578 in grant funds will be received in the Office of Emergency Services FY 22/23 budget. The in-kind match requirement of \$85,620 will be fulfilled by participating landowners during grant execution. A budget amendment has been included for approval.

BACKGROUND:

Nevada County submitted the South County Shaded Fuel Break Project grant application to CAL FIRE's California Climate Investments Fire Prevention Grant program on March 1, 2021. The South County Shaded Fuel Break (Project) is a 339-acre project identified as a top priority in the Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit Plan (Unit Plan). The fuel break is slated to treat a 150 ft wide fuel break running east-west on Lodestar Road to Buck Mountain Road between State Highway 49 and Dog Bar Road. This project will be a public private partnership between the landowners whose property will be treated, the County of Nevada, Fire Safe Council of Nevada County, and CAL FIRE. The objective of the project is to remove hazardous vegetation along critical evacuation routes to reduce the intensity of a potential wildfire, provide fire fighters a stronghold to defend lives and homes, and provide safer ingress/egress routes for residents and emergency responders.

A primary objective to be achieved by this Project is the protection of the Alta Sierra Community which has been identified as a high priority target area for fuel breaks within the Unit Plan. The Project will ensure that Alta Sierra will be protected from a north moving fire, as will the Higgins and Lake of the Pines communities from a south moving fire.

South County Shaded Fuel Break, is part of California Climate Investments, a statewide program that puts billions of Cap-and-Trade dollars to work reducing GHG emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment—particularly in disadvantaged communities. The Cap-and-Trade program also creates a financial incentive for industries to invest in clean technologies and develop innovative ways to reduce pollution. California Climate Investments projects include affordable housing, renewable energy, public transportation, zero-emission vehicles, environmental restoration, more sustainable agriculture, recycling, and much more. At least 35 percent of these investments are located within and benefiting residents of disadvantaged communities, low-income communities, and low-income households across California. For more information, visit the California Climate Investments website at: www.caclimateinvestments.ca.gov

This Resolution approves the contract between Fire Safe Council of Nevada County and Nevada County Office of Emergency Services for the CAL FIRE California Climate Investments Fire Prevention Grant for the 20-FP-NEU-0242 South County Shaded Fuel Break Project in the amount of \$901,578 with an in-kind match requirement of \$85,620. The term of the contract is September 27, 2022 through December 31, 2024. The Resolution authorizes the Director of Emergency Services to execute the contract and all additional documents required to fulfill the requirements of the CAL FIRE California Climate Investments Fire Prevention Grant.

Item Initiated by: Alex Keeble-Toll

Approved by: Craig Griesbach