



# **RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_**

## **OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA**

### **RESOLUTION TO RATIFY THE CONTRACT FOR THE DONNER PASS ROAD ROCKSLIDE PROJECT TO NEIL'S CONTROLLED BLASTING L.P. FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$428,664.50 – DISTRICT 5**

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2023, a rock weighing approximately 40-50 tons fell on Donner Pass Road thereby damaging the road and retaining wall; and

WHEREAS, the rock slope adjacent to the roadway was deemed unstable and Donner Pass Road was closed to secure public safety; and

WHEREAS, County staff retained NV5 and Blackburn Consulting, specialize in geotechnical engineering, to perform reconnaissance of the site and complete an engineering analysis to determine potential failure planes; and

WHEREAS, the rock stability analysis concluded the need for rock fall hazard mitigations such as scaling (rock removal) to be performed on the slope; and

WHEREAS, County staff procured two proposals to stabilize the rock slope adjacent to Donner Pass Road; and

WHEREAS, a panel formed of County staff and external consultants selected the proposal submitted by Neil's Controlled Blasting, L.P. for a bid amount of \$389,695.00 in addition to 10% contingency of \$38,969.50 for a total of \$428,664.50; and

WHEREAS, the need to stabilize the rock face is critical for ensuring public safety and to reopen the road; and

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2023, the Board of Supervisors passed a Declaration of Emergency related to the 2023 Winter Storms (22-096); and

WHEREAS, the devastating effects of the Winter Storms are still being realized; and

WHEREAS, the County has reason to believe the rockslide on Donner Pass Road may have been caused, in part, by the 2023 Winter Storms and intends to investigate this causation further; and

WHEREAS, Road Engineering has sufficient budget to encumber this contract and general funds are available to reimburse the Road Fund for this project during FY 2023/24.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Nevada County Board of Supervisors:

1. Ratifies the professional services contract between the County and Neil's Controlled Blasting L.P. in the amount of \$389,695.00, plus a 10% contingency of \$38,969.50 for a total of \$428,664.50.

2. Ratifies and approves the prior execution of the professional services contract with Neil's Controlled Blasting, L.P. by the Director of Information and General Services Agency.
3. Authorizes the Auditor Controller to encumber the contract:  
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