



# COUNTY OF NEVADA COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE

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## NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

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**MEETING DATE:** May 23, 2023

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Alison Lehman, County Executive Officer

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving execution of Amendment No. 4 to the Professional Services Contract with Robert D. Niehaus, Inc. for providing an independent economic impact analysis of the proposed Idaho-Maryland Mine Project in Nevada County to extend to the contract termination date from June 30, 2023, to June 30, 2024

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the Resolution amending the contract with Robert D Niehaus, Inc. (RDN).

**FUNDING:** No impact. Note that the County will hold back \$1,000.00 from final invoice to cover consultant time to participate virtually in a Board of Supervisors meeting to be scheduled in 2023. The final balance will be paid following the same Board meeting.

**BACKGROUND:** On December 21, 2021, per Resolution 21-539, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors approved the execution of the Professional Services Contract with RDN to provide an independent assessment of the economic impacts (costs and benefits) of proposed mining activities within the county. The proposed mining project is a combined application for a Conditional Use Permit and Reclamation Plan to reinstate underground mining and gold mineralization processing and is currently in the environmental review process. The Consultant's scope of work focuses on determining estimated direct and indirect impacts of the project, including estimated property related impacts and fiscal impacts, such as impacts to government, safety, and fire related services.

Although the Economic Impact Analysis is not part of the environmental review process, staff has requested that RDN attend the forthcoming Board of Supervisors meeting via Teams when the proposal is considered (not expected prior to August 2023).

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve Amendment No. 4 as it will allow the consultant to be participate in the Board meeting at no additional cost when the proposal is placed on the Board agenda.

**Item Initiated by:** Caleb Dardick, Assistant County Executive Officer

**Approved by:** Alison Lehman, County Executive Officer