



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

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

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE NEVADA COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES TO SUBMIT THREE GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY TO FUND THE PONDEROSA AND SOUTH COUNTY FUEL BREAK PROJECTS, AS WELL AS UPDATES TO THE LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN AND COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$6,165,768, WHICH INCLUDES MATCH; AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES TO EXECUTE THE APPLICATION (THE PONDEROSA AND SOUTH COUNTY FUEL BREAKS ARE IN DISTRICTS II AND IV)**

WHEREAS, the Office of Emergency Services is responsible for preparing and mitigating wildfire hazards in the County; and

WHEREAS, the County of Nevada has a severe and present danger of wildfire presenting a threat to public health and safety and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”) released Hazard Mitigation Program funding to help communities reduce their losses from natural hazards; and

WHEREAS, the Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone has been a priority project identified in the current Community Wildfire Protection Plan, the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, and the CAL FIRE Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit ignition Plan; and

WHEREAS, an Environmental Impact Report has been conducted on federal land adjacent to the Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone and this land is shovel-ready for fuels reduction in a Phase II of the project; and

WHEREAS, the South County Fuel Break has been identified as a priority for CAL FIRE in the Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit Ignition Plan; and

WHEREAS, per Section 404 of the Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. 5170c the Nevada County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan must be updated by August 2022 to remain eligible for federal Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) and Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) program funding; and

WHEREAS, Community Wildfire Protection Plans should be updated periodically to reflect work that has been completed, and guide strategy for future work; and

WHEREAS, the Nevada County Community Wildfire Protection Plan was last updated in 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Nevada County does hereby authorize the Nevada County Office of Emergency Services to submit three grant applications to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program in the total amount of \$6,165,768 for wildfire mitigation, as well as all-hazard and wildfire planning, and authorizes the Director of Emergency Services to execute on behalf of the County of Nevada these applications and any action necessary for the purpose of obtaining financial assistance provided by these FEMA grants. The acceptance of this Grant will be brought to the Board of Supervisors for approval per County policy.