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**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo**

MEETING DATE: December 5, 2023

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Brian Foss, Planning Director**

SUBJECT: Public Hearing to consider the adoption of a Resolution adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration in connection with the North San Juan Fire Suppression System Project and approving a Management Plan for development within 100-feet of wetlands located on Assessor's Parcel Numbers 060-110-001, 060-090-008, 060-120-023, 060-120-016, 060-120-067, 060-120-055, 060-120-054 and Public Right-of-Way (File Nos. PLN23-0121; MGT23-0026; EIS23-0004).

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: No budget amendment is required.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment 1. Resolution to adopt the project specific Mitigated Negative Declaration and approve the Wetland Management Plan
- Exhibit A. Draft Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration
- Exhibit B. Wetland Management Plan
- Exhibit C. Project Conditions of Approval and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan

BACKGROUND:

The proposed project involves construction of a 330,000-gallon water storage tank, approximately 4,200 ft of water mains and 10 fire hydrants in the commercial core of North San Juan to provide fire water storage and distribution for commercial and residential uses in the area. Completion of the project is intended to remove a barrier for

economic development and provide a reliable, robust means of fire water supply in North San Juan. Providing fire suppression within the commercial core of North San Juan is significant for fire safety because the community area serves as the only main fire break along the San Juan Ridge.

This Agenda Item accompanies a Department of Public Works Agenda Item, which is a Resolution of Application to apply to the Nevada County Local Area Formation Commission for formation of the County Service Area (CSA) to support the operation and maintenance of the North San Juan Fire Suppression System. If the CEQA document is not adopted, the Resolution for the application to LAFCo will be withdrawn until the appropriate CEQA document for the project is adopted.

An Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) has been completed for this project to meet California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements. With appropriate mitigation measures in the IS/MND, the document concludes that the project will have a less than significant environmental impact.

In addition, a Management Plan application was prepared for this project due to portions of the work proposed within 100 feet of potential wetlands. The Management Plan concluded that with the implementation of project specific mitigation measures that have been incorporated into the project specific environmental analysis and provided for as Exhibit C to the draft Resolution, that the proposed project would have a less than significant impact to wetland resources in the project vicinity.

Staff is requesting that the Board of Supervisors approve the attached Resolution and authorize County Staff to complete and file an application with the LAFCo to begin the CSA formation process detailed in the attachments.

Item Initiated by: Marie Maniscalco, Associate Planner

Approved by: Brian Foss, Planning Director