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

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**MEETING DATE:** July 28, 2026

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** **Alex Keeble-Toll – Director of Emergency Services**

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving and accepting the California Fire Safe Council 2025 CAL FIRE County Coordinator Grant Program grant Amendment 1 for the Nevada County Wildfire Coordinator Grant #498440 in the amount of \$151,500, increasing the total project budget to \$303,000 with no required match, updating the term of the agreement to May 15, 2025 to October 15, 2027 and directing the Auditor-Controller to amend the fiscal year 2026/27 Emergency Services Budget (4/5 Affirmative vote required)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** The \$151,500 increase in grant award includes funding for intern(s) Salary and Benefits for the grant period (May 15, 2025 – October 15, 2027), Contractual costs, and Supplies costs to support wildfire mitigation outreach and engagement. The augmentation amends the original grant agreement (Res. 25-305) approved on June 24, 2025, and increases the total project budget from \$151,500 to \$303,000. A budget amendment has been included for approval.

**BACKGROUND:** The Office of Emergency Services (OES) applied for the California Fire Safe Council County Coordinator Grant on September 30, 2021, and on November 15, 2021, was awarded the County Coordinator Grant (Grant #370779 CFSC) in the amount of \$175,000 (Res. 21-531). On April 15, 2024, OES applied for a grant renewal, and on May 29, 2024, was awarded the County Coordinator Grant Renewal (Grant #467704 CFSC) in the amount of \$186,076.80 (Res. 24-198). In May 2025, OES applied again for a grant renewal (Res. 25-148), and on May 15, 2025, was awarded the County Coordinator Grant Renewal (Grant #498440) in the amount of \$151,500, which was accepted on June 24, 2025 (Res. 25-305). In April 2026, the California Fire Safe Council extended the program and allocated additional funding to the existing grant recipients. The grant agreement was modified on July 1, 2026, by \$151,500, increasing the project budget

to \$303,000 and extending the project timeline to October 15, 2027.

The objective of the County Coordinator Grant Program is to educate, encourage, and develop county-wide collaboration and coordination among various wildfire mitigation groups. The program provides counties with funding to hire a County Coordinator, whose roles are to 1) build a census of all active wildfire mitigation groups in their county, 2) analyze gaps in county-wide wildfire resiliency and emergency preparedness and develop recommendations to fill these gaps, and 3) develop mechanisms to improve outreach and coordination efforts.

The funds were used to hire a County Coordinator to help advance the mission of OES, provide administration and facilitation support, lead public communication and stakeholder engagement, and increase collaboration and partnership.

Major accomplishments under the County Coordinator Program have included:

- Facilitating the Quarterly Wildfire Stakeholder Meetings and developing the Quarterly Wildfire Stakeholder Collaborative.
- Hosting an average of 26 stakeholder and collaboration events and attending 57 events annually during the grant period.
- Collaborating with the City of Nevada City to create Home Hardening educational materials to support their Home Hardening Demonstration Home Project.
- Providing outreach support to various projects such as Woodpecker Ravine Phase 1, Ponderosa Phase 1 Maintenance and Phase 2, and South Yuba Rim Hazardous Fuel Reduction.
- Completing the Nevada County Community Wildfire Protection Plan.
- Developing the Youth Emergency Preparedness Project.
- Coordinating and facilitating the first Nevada County Go-Bag Party event.

The focus of the County Coordinator under the grant augmentation will be to continue to foster wildfire resilience through supporting and developing collaboration and partnership and leading Community Wildfire Education and Preparedness.

**Item Initiated by:** Corinne Benson, Administrative Analyst II

**Approved by:** Alex Keeble-Toll, Director of Emergency Services