



NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: March 11, 2025

TO: Board of Supervisors

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

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the MOU between the County of Nevada and the City of Grass Valley for reimbursement of Tablet Command software in an amount not to exceed \$54,000.00.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Forest Reserve Title III funds allocated in Federal Fiscal Year 2023/24 and 2024/25 (including accumulated fund balances) have been identified as the source for the \$54,000 associated with this MOU. The SRS Act requires that the Nevada County Board of Supervisors hold a 45-day public comment period, hold a public hearing, and approve a spending plan for Title III funds. A proposed Title III spending plan is being brought to the BOS concurrently with this MOU; a public hearing will be scheduled for May 27, 2025. Should the BOS choose not to approve the spending plan, the Office of Emergency Services would identify an alternative source of funds to reimburse City of Grass Valley for Tablet Command, payable within 15 days of the start of Fiscal Year 2025/26.

BACKGROUND: The Grass Valley Fire Department requires a software platform that provides mapping, automatic vehicle location, mobile data terminal, and other capabilities for optimal performance of its fire services. The current platform utilized by the Fire Department and the majority of fire agencies in Nevada County will be discontinued and inoperable in March and Grass Valley Fire Department and other local agencies including Nevada County Consolidated Fire District have evaluated options for addressing this issue.

The software program from Tablet Command, Inc (“Tablet Command”) has been identified as the optimal replacement due to its functionality enhancements and improvements to interoperability among all fire agencies in Nevada County. The Office of Emergency Services has met with relevant stakeholders and determined that the purchase and implementation of Tablet Command will strengthen emergency response capabilities.

Tablet Command software will provide global situational awareness and a shared operating picture for all responders in Nevada County, achieved through integration with the Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) system operated by CAL FIRE's Grass Valley Emergency Command Center.

The City of Grass Valley has entered into an agreement with Tablet Command for the purchase of Tablet Command software. The Office of Emergency Services has committed to reimburse the City for this purchase in an amount not to exceed \$54,000. The City of Grass Valley previously brought the MOU to their City Council for approval on February 11, 2025.

The Office of Emergency Services has identified that purchase and implementation of Tablet Command is in alignment with the allowable uses of Forest Reserve Title III funds. The Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (SRS Act) requires that the Nevada County Board of Supervisors hold a 45-day public comment period, hold a public hearing, and approve a spending plan for Title III funds. As such, the Office of Emergency Services is concurrently bringing to the Board of Supervisors a proposed Title III spending plan for the purpose of fulfilling this MOU.

Use of Title III funds are limited to search and rescue and other emergency services, training costs and equipment purchases for emergency services, developing and carrying out community wildfire protection plans, and carrying out activities under the Firewise Communities program.

The Office of Emergency Services intends to return to the Board on May 27, 2025 for final approval of the Title III funds spending plan and, with Board approval, staff will also bring forward an agreement between the City of Grass Valley and the Office of Emergency Services authorizing payment in an amount not to exceed \$54,000.

Item Initiated by: AJ Zekanoski, Administrative Analyst I, OES

Approved by: Alex Keeble-Toll, Interim Director, Emergency Services