



**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**Board Agenda Memo**

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**MEETING DATE:** November 18, 2025

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution authorizing environmental clearance for HMGP DR-4344-704-151R Nevada County Roadside Vegetation Management Program Phase 1 through the California Vegetation Treatment Program (CalVTP) Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) and authorizing the Director of Emergency Services to sign and file the Notice of Determination (NOD) for the project with the Nevada County Clerk Recorder's Office.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** The Office of Emergency Services will pay for the recording fee of the NOD with the Nevada County Clerk Recorder's Office from their Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget. There is no budget amendment needed and no further impact on the General Fund.

**BACKGROUND:** The objective of HMGP DR-4344-704-151R Roadside Vegetation Management Program Phase 1 is to provide the public with safe, functional egress through roadside vegetation management to mitigate wildfire threats during evacuation. The Office of Emergency Services has applied for and received a grant award from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to conduct hazardous fuels reduction activities along approximately 300 miles of roadway, prioritizing high-traffic public corridors that serve as key emergency evacuation routes. (Res. 23-050, Res. 23-221)

The planning phase of the Roadside Vegetation Management Program Phase 1 is nearing completion. Planning has consisted of producing geospatial maps of the County right-of-way, developing a treatment prescription for roadside vegetation abatement, and completing the necessary environmental compliance required for Phase 2 implementation.

Nevada County OES has contracted with the environmental consulting firm Helix (Res. 24-043, Res. 24-556) to achieve environmental compliance for the Roadside Vegetation Phase I project through utilization of the CalVTP. The CalVTP was developed by the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection to provide local and state agencies with a powerful California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance tool to expedite the implementation of

wildfire resilience projects. The CalVTP includes a comprehensive Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) prepared in accordance with CEQA. The PEIR evaluates the environmental impacts of a wide range of vegetation treatment activities across the state and establishes a framework for lead agencies to achieve environmental compliance through a project-specific checklist process, rather than requiring a full EIR for each individual project.

Helix has completed the required Project-Specific Analysis (PSA) and checklist documentation for the project, demonstrating consistency with the CALVTP and addressing site-specific environmental considerations. The Nevada County Planning Department has reviewed the CalVTP documentation prepared by Helix and found them in accordance with CEQA.

In accordance with further CEQA requirements, a Notice of Determination (NOD) must be filed with the Nevada County Clerk Recorder's Office following Board approval. The NOD serves as a public notice of the County's determination that the project has been adequately analyzed under the CalVTP PEIR and that no additional environmental documentation is required. There is no required public comment period under the CalVTP. After Board approval, the PSA and associated addenda will be posted to the County website for public viewing and submitted to the State Clearinghouse and the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection. This resolution will authorize the Director of Emergency Services to sign and file the NOD for the Roadside Vegetation Management Program Phase 1 allowing the County to proceed with implementation.

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

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