



RESOLUTION NO. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION (EIS16-0003) FOR THE PROPOSED GENERAL PLAN LAND USE (GPA16-0001) AND ZONING DISTRICT MAP AMENDMENTS (RZN16-0001) ASSOCIATED WITH THE U. S. FOREST SERVICE GPA/REZONE PROJECT

WHEREAS, on January 28, 2016, at their annual work program priority setting workshop, the Board of Supervisors selected the USFS GPA/Rezone as a “Priority B” project and directed the Planning Department to work with U. S. Forest Service staff and recommend amendments to the County’s zoning, as appropriate, to better align the County’s land use designation with the resource management of National Forest System Lands; and

WHEREAS, Nevada County is proposing a combination of General Plan Land Use and Zoning map amendments for 19 specific U. S. Forest Service owned parcels that are part of the Tahoe National Forest; and

WHEREAS, on February 17, 2017, the Planning Department staff prepared an Initial Study and Negative Declaration (IS/ND) for the Project, a copy of which is attached to this Resolution (EIS16-0003); and

WHEREAS, the IS/ND was submitted directly to affected local stakeholders and to regional and state agencies, and was released for a 31-day public review period, commencing on February 17, 2017 and ending March 20, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the IS/ND analyzes all of the potential environmental impacts of the proposed Project and found that no impacts would result from the approval of the Project; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2017, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the proposed Project in which the Commission reviewed the proposed IS/ND together with all comments received during the public review period, and recommended adoption of this same Negative Declaration before making a recommendation to the Board on the proposed Project; and

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2017, the Board of Supervisors held a public hearing on the proposed Project in which the Board reviewed the proposed IS/ND together with all comments received during the public review period, and adopted this same Negative Declaration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Nevada County Board of Supervisors having reviewed and considered the recommendation of the Planning Commission has independently reviewed the Initial Study and proposed Negative Declaration (EIS16-0003), together with all comments received during the public review period, and hereby finds and determines as follows:

- A. The above recitals are true and correct.
- B. On the basis of the whole record before the Board of Supervisors, there is no substantial evidence that the proposed Project will have a significant effect on the environment.
- C. The IS/ND reflects the Board's independent judgment and analysis.
- D. The documents and materials constituting the record of the proceedings on which this decision is based are located and in the custody of the Nevada County Planning Department at 950 Maidu Avenue, Nevada City, California.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors hereby adopts the Negative Declaration (EIS16-0003) for the General Plan Land Use Designation amendments (GPA16-0001) and Zoning District Map amendments (RZN16-0001).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board is directed to file a Notice of Determination pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15075 within five working days after adoption of this resolution and approval of the proposed Project.