



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

MEETING DATE: September 23, 2025

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Alex Keeble-Toll – Director of Emergency Services

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the contract between the Nevada County Resource Conservation District and the Nevada County Office of Emergency Services for the Lower Deer Creek – Penn Valley Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project (HMGP DR-4683-1084-57 Phase 1) in the amount of \$145,309 for use during the period September 23, 2025 through July 1, 2026, authorizing the Director of Emergency Services to execute the contract, and directing the Auditor Controller to amend the Fiscal Year 2025/26 Emergency Services Budget (4/5 Affirmative Vote Required).

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: FEMA HMGP awarded \$653,222.25 in grant funds to the Office of Emergency Services (HMGP DR-4683-1084-57 Phase 1). OES will contract with the Resource Conservation District for an amount not to exceed \$145,309.00. The FEMA required 25% match will be satisfied by OES in-kind staff time for supportive project management.

BACKGROUND: The *Lower Deer Creek - Penn Valley Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project* has been scoped as two 18-month phases. The implementation plan for Phase 1 is to conduct the necessary community outreach, technical planning, cost assessments, and environmental permitting to have a shovel-ready implementation project with an accurate budget and benefit/cost analysis at the end of 18 months.

The planning area for the project is approximately 1,100 acres and a key step for the Phase 1 Mitigation Action will be to identify the appropriate treatment prescription that will protect critical infrastructure and vulnerable communities through deployment of nature-based solutions that will mitigate the risk of future devastating wildfires. The Phase 2

Mitigation Action (also 18-months) is to conduct the on-the-ground hazardous vegetation abatement actions that are identified through Phase 1.

The Nevada County Office of Emergency Services (OES) is in a unique position to be able to increase the pace and scale of wildfire mitigation in Nevada County by leveraging a cooperative partnership with the Nevada County Resource Conservation District.

The Resource Conservation District will support Phase 1 activities through project management which includes outreach and engagement of residents in the project area, collection of landowner right-of-entry, oversight of treatment design vendor(s), and oversight environmental compliance vendor(s).

OES will contract with the Nevada County Resource Conservation District to manage and execute the HMGP DR-4683-1084-57 Phase 1 Project. OES staff will provide supportive project management and will administer the grant.

Item Initiated by: Alex Keeble-Toll, Director of Emergency Services

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