



## **RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_**

### **OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT NO.2 TO CONTRACT NO. PESP4415 WITH FIRE SAFE COUNCIL OF NEVADA COUNTY TO THE PURCHASING CONTRACT PESP4415 BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NEVADA AND FIRE SAFE COUNCIL OF NEVADA COUNTY INCREASING THE CONTRACT NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT FROM \$50,000 TO \$250,000, FOR WINTER STORM SUPPORT AND GREEN WASTE MITIGATION, AMEND THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES FISCAL YEAR 2021/22 BUDGET, AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASING AGENT TO EXECUTE THE AMENDMENT (4/5 AFFIRMATIVE VOTE REQUIRED)**

WHEREAS, on December 27, 2021 in the early morning, Nevada County was hit with an intense winter snow-storm (Snow-storm) bringing excessive amounts of snow to areas that typically receive little to no snow. The Snow-storm caused over 30,000 Nevada County residents to loose PG&E utility power service with PG&E saying it could take many days for restoration; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the Snow-storm hundreds of trees have been reported down across county roads, with many trees having attached utility power lines to them and there has been numerous calls for service from local residents who have had trees land on their homes; and

WHEREAS, an emergency proclamation was ratified on December 30, 2021 in an emergency Board of Supervisors meeting by Resolution 21-541. The Local Emergency Proclamation enables Nevada County to more effectively respond to the Snow-storm, seek and utilize mutual aid, obtain state and federal funds (if available), and ensure that the County's resources and economy, as well as the community at large, have all the necessary tools at their disposal to endure this ongoing challenge; and

WHEREAS, the State of California declared an emergency on December 30, 2021 in support of Counties recovering from the Winter Storms; and

WHEREAS, the County entered into a contract with Fire Safe Council of Nevada County effective January 3, 2022 for Winter Storm Support and Green Waste Mitigation. The contract was subsequently amended on January 8, 2022 to capture additional overhead labor rates not previously defined. To date the contractor has removed vegetation, processed firewood and processed green waste with a total of \$124,112 as of February 18, 2022; and

WHEREAS, There remains a significant number of down trees and vegetation throughout the community. This presents many challenges for neighborhoods hardest hit from these storms to dispose of green waste and reduce these fire fuels prior to the start of fire season. With the additional vegetation removal, collection, and green waste processing required in response to the Snow-storm declared emergency, staff recommends amending the existing contract from \$50,000 to \$250,000 to pay for services related to community emergency storm green waste drop off events; and

WHEREAS, County staff is working with the State on the vegetation removal and green waste processing in response to the declared Snow-storm Emergency for reimbursement once the California Disaster Assistance Act is authorized. Once authorized the County will be eligible for reimbursement up to 75% of eligible expenditures with the remaining 25% to be paid from the

County General Fund and anticipated receipt of a Norther Sierra Air Quality Management District Grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada, State of California, hereby approves Amendment No.2 to Contract No. PESP4415 with Fire Safe Council of Nevada County and the County of Nevada increasing the contract not to exceed amount from \$50,000 to \$250,000 for Winter Storm Support and Green Waste Mitigation, authorizing the Purchasing Agent to execute Amendment No.2 to Contract No. PESP4415 with Fire Safe Council of Nevada County and directing the Auditor-Controller release \$250,000 from the General Fund Unassigned Fund balance and to amend the Office of Emergency Services Fiscal Year 2021/22 budget as follows:

Increase:

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