



RESOLUTION No. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION APPROVING REPEALING AND REPLACING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN COUNTY OF NEVADA, ROUGH & READY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, PENN VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, AND NEVADA COUNTY CONSOLIDATED FIRE DISTRICT, REMOVING NEVADA COUNTY CONSOLIDATED FIRE DISTRICT AND TO MAINTAIN OPERATIONS OF ROUGH & READY FIRE STATION NO. 59 DURING THE REORGANIZATION OF THESE DISTRICTS INTO ONE CONSOLIDATED FIRE DISTRICT

WHEREAS, in recognition that independent fire protection districts in Nevada County are essential in ensuring public peace, health and safety, the County supports the efforts of the Rough & Ready Fire Protection District (“RRFPD”) and Penn Valley Fire Protection District (“PVFPD”) to reorganize into one district (“District”); and

WHEREAS, on August 8, 2023 (Resolution 23-429), the County Board of Supervisors approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to support the Rough and Ready Fire, Penn Valley Fire, and Nevada County Consolidated Fire Districts’ efforts to reorganize, and to operate the Rough & Ready Fire Station #59 prior to consolidation; and

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2023 (Resolution 23-608), the County Board of Supervisors approved “Amendment 1” to the MOU to extend the deadline for Section 4(b) “Milestone 2”; and

WHEREAS, on May 28, 2024 (Resolution 24-241), the County Board of Supervisors approved “Amendment 2” to the MOU to provide a one-year extension of the MOU to support the consolidation effort underway; and

WHEREAS, the Rough and Ready Fire Protection District Board declined a reorganization proposal by Nevada County Consolidated Fire District at their April 8, 2025, Board meeting and decided to seek reorganization efforts solely with Penn Valley Fire Protection District; and

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2025, the County received notice from Nevada County Consolidated Fire District that they will no longer be pursuing reorganization efforts as originally agreed and requested to withdraw from the Memorandum of Understanding; and

WHEREAS, the Penn Valley and Rough and Ready Fire Protection Districts seek to complete reorganization efforts and file required documentation with the Nevada County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) by December 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Penn Valley and Rough and Ready Fire Protection Districts are providing operational coverage of Station #59 as of May 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the County committed temporary gap funding of up to \$1,000,000 to maintain operations of Rough & Ready Fire Station No. 59 through June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, not all of the temporary gap funds have been utilized; and

WHEREAS, modifications to the previously approved MOU are necessary due to this new reorganization direction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada, State of California, hereby approves the repeal and replacement of the Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Nevada, Rough & Ready Fire Protection District, Penn Valley Fire Protection District, and Nevada County Consolidated Fire District and authorizes the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute this Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the County.