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

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**MEETING DATE:** July 14, 2026

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving Amendment 1 to the contract between VESTRA Resources Inc. and the Nevada County Office of Emergency Services for the Lower Deer Creek- Penn Valley Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project (HMGP DR-4683-1084-57) extending the contract timeline through July 26, 2027, and authorizing the Director of Emergency Services to execute the contract amendment

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** There is no funding impact to the contract amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** The Lower Deer Creek – Penn Valley Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project is a 1,011-acre effort designed to protect critical infrastructure, improve safe ingress for first responders and egress for evacuating residents, and support long-term watershed health. The project focuses on areas adjacent to the Lake Wildwood community in Penn Valley, one of five communities identified in the 2024 Evacuation Study as the most evacuation-limited in the County. It is also located within the 2025 Nevada County Community Wildfire Protection Plan’s Highest Project Priority Areas (Res. 25-064). To strengthen evacuation outcomes, the majority of project activities center on fuel mitigation along private parcels located next to key evacuation routes, including Pleasant Valley Road, Mooney Flat Road, and Bitney Springs Road.

When complete, the project will treat 107 acres surrounding sanitation and water treatment facilities, mitigate roadside vegetation across 726 acres, and reduce hazardous fuel loading on 178 acres in and around the Deer Creek Canyon. The Board of Supervisors approved a resolution on August 8, 2023 (Res. 23-420) authorizing the County to apply for FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds for this project, followed by a resolution on August 25, 2025 (Res. 25-105) to accept the awarded grant. On September 9, 2023 (Res. 25-470), the Board approved a contract between Nevada County and the Nevada County Resource Conservation District for project management, including resident outreach, right of entry

collection, oversight of treatment design vendors, and oversight of environmental compliance vendors.

Through a competitive procurement process (RFP 203089), VESTRA Resources Inc. was selected as the most qualified firm to complete Phase 1 tasks. These tasks include integrated environmental compliance and treatment design services, biological surveys and desktop reviews, technical studies and reports, and the development of a treatment prescription plan for Phase 2. On November 18, 2025, the Board of Supervisors approved a contract with VESTRA Resources Inc. to carry out these activities (Res. 25-539).

The Office of Emergency Services and VESTRA Resources Inc. now seek to amend the contract to extend the project timeline by one year, from July 26, 2026, to July 26, 2027, to allow sufficient time for treatment planning and environmental surveying.

In all other respects the prior contract of the parties shall remain in full force and effect.

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

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