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Honorable Board of Supervisors  
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**DATE OF MEETING:** February 24, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Resolution authorizing an agreement with Foothill Associates for consulting services for the Darkhorse Golf Course and Residential Community Final Oak Woodland Mitigation and Monitoring Program in an amount not to exceed \$41,686.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt the resolution.

**FUNDING:** Funding is from DarkHorse Subdivision Improvement Bonds and will affect the Fiscal Year 2014-15 Planning Department Budget. No budget amendment is needed and there is no impact to the General Fund.

**BACKGROUND:** In June 2006 the Nevada County Board of Supervisors declared that the developer of the DarkHorse subdivision was in default of his Subdivision Improvement Agreements. The County called the performance bonds and ultimately settled with the insurers for amounts to complete the subdivision improvements.

Oak Woodland Mitigation and Monitoring was one condition of approval that was not fully completed by the developer or his successors. The County reached settlement with Gulf Insurance Company for the performance bond designated for that specific purpose.

The Board authorized the release of a Request for Qualifications on December 2, 2014. CDA reviewed and ranked five responses from qualified consultants. The firm of Foothill Associates provided the most comprehensive and thorough approach for developing an Oak Woodland Mitigation Plan. The Planning Department is recommending the hiring of Foothill Associates as a consultant to review the original plan, determine current conditions and develop a plan to meet the conditions of approval. There is sufficient bond proceeds to cover the cost of these services.

Respectfully submitted,

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