

RESOLUTION No.

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN MOUNTAIN F. ENTERPRISES, INC. AND THE COUNTY OF NEVADA (NOT TO EXCEED \$90,000) FOR GRAPPLING TRUCK SERVICES FOR THE BIOMASS PILOT PROJECT DURING THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 22, 2024, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025, AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AGENCY TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT, AND AMENDING THE FY 2024/25 EMERGENCY SERVICES BUDGET (4/5 AFFIRMATIVE VOTE REQUIRED)

WHEREAS, the County of Nevada aims to support the 2024 Board Objectives for the Climate Resiliency and Emergency Preparedness through the execution of a Biomass Pilot Project; and

WHEREAS, the Biomass Pilot Project involves collaboration among the Nevada County Information and General Services Agency (IGS), Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), Mountain F. Enterprises, Inc. ("Mountain Enterprises"), Earth Foundries, Inc., the City of Grass Valley, and the Nevada County Consolidated Fire District; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Biomass Pilot Project is to collect and process green waste into biochar using specialized mobile carbonizers, thereby benefitting the public by cost effectively reducing green waste and the local carbon footprint associated with wood management, and finding productive end uses for biochar such as soil enhancement; and

WHEREAS, Mountain Enterprises has been selected as the sole source provider for grappling truck services for the Biomass Pilot Project due to their existing coordination with PG&E, which is funding the carbonizer operations and green waste site management, ensuring continuity of operations and alignment with project's timeline; and

WHEREAS, engaging with Mountain Enterprises eliminates logistical challenges associated with managing multiple vendors on-site and offers a cost-effective solution, as PG&E has indicated its intent to subsidize Mountain Enterprises services; and

WHEREAS, PG&E has expressed interest in providing future funding for up to 1,000 tons of community green waste processing, an in-kind service valued at \$85,000; and

WHEREAS, the County seeks to establish a professional services agreement associated with Mountain Enterprises for grappling truck services (not to exceed \$90,000) for the term of October 22, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada, State of California:

- 1. Approves the contract between Mountain F. Enterprises, Inc. and the County of Nevada with a contract not to exceed amount of \$90,000 for Grappling Truck Services for the Biomass Pilot Project for the term of October 22, 2024, through June 30, 2025; and
- 2. Authorizes the Director of Emergency Services, or designee, to execute the contract on behalf of the County of Nevada; and
- 3. Amends the Office of Emergency Services Fiscal Year 2024/25 Budget as follows:

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