



RESOLUTION No. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT 1 TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NEVADA AND ASCENT ENVIRONMENTAL, INC TO DEVELOP A BROADBAND PROGRAMMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT EXTENDING THE CONTRACT TERM FROM AUGUST 30, 2022 TO JUNE 30, 2023

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors in their January 2022 workshop made broadband expansion and deployment an “A” level standalone Board Objective; and

WHEREAS, the County has a staff level broadband team working to achieve the Board’s stated broadband objective, making Nevada County attractive to potential broadband providers and competitive for the pending State and Federal broadband funding programs; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors previously designated \$250,000 of the PG&E settlement funds to a broadband environmental impact report (“EIR”) objective; and

WHEREAS, the County received a grant from the California Emerging Technology Fund in the amount of \$50,000 for this project; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Countywide Programmatic EIR is to analyze the overall impacts and benefits from approving and permitting the construction and installation of ubiquitous high-speed Internet infrastructure throughout Nevada County so that each proposed broadband project can be evaluated in the context of the net contributions to advancing the official policy of the Nevada County Board of Supervisors.; and

WHEREAS, on October 12, 2021, the Board of Supervisors approved Resolution 21-455 to execute a contract with Ascent Environmental Inc to develop a broadband Programmatic EIR in an amount not to exceed \$276,000 for a term of October 12, 2021 through August 30, 2022.

WHEREAS, The vendor continues to make progress on the draft Programmatic EIR and both parties desire to extend the contract termination date to June 30, 2023 to allow for additional time to complete the EIR.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada, State of California, hereby authorizes the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute Amendment 1 to the contract between the County of Nevada and Ascent Environmental, Inc pertaining to developing a broadband Programmatic Environmental Impact Report extending the contract termination from August 30, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

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