



RESOLUTION No. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE NATIONAL FOREST FOUNDATION FUNDS FOR THE NEVADA COUNTY COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PROJECT (RS-541) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,000,000 FOR USE FROM JUNE 10, 2026 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2028, AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES TO EXECUTE THE GRANT AGREEMENT AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO FULFILL THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE GRANT AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR CONTROLLER TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2026/27 EMERGENCY SERVICES BUDGET (4/5 AFFIRMATIVE VOTE REQUIRED)

WHEREAS, the County of Nevada has a severe and present danger from wildfire and a significant proportion of Nevada County acreage is USDA Forest Service, Tahoe National Forest land; and

WHEREAS, the County of Nevada Office of Emergency Services (OES) and the Tahoe National Forest (TNF) both have a vested interest in supporting wildfire resilient communities and landscapes in Nevada County by securing funding for and collaboratively implementing projects on or with benefit to National Forest System (NFS) lands; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Nevada County-wide Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) (Res. 25-064), identified significant areas on the TNF as being a high priority for projects; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Evacuation Study (File No. 24-0695) identified key ingress and egress across or adjacent to the TNF; and

WHEREAS, in 2026, the TNF instructed the National Forest Foundation (NFF) to allocate \$7,000,000 in USFS funds to their Directed Grant Program so that OES could apply for these funds with the goal of advancing the shared wildfire mitigation goals of OES and the TNF; and

WHEREAS, on April 14, 2026, OES received approval from the Board of Supervisors to submit an application to the National Forest Foundation Directed Grant Program (Res. 26-130); and

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2026, OES was awarded \$7,000,000 in funding from the National Forest Foundation through the 2026 Strategic Projects Initiative; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the NFF grant funds is to support fuel mitigation activities across approximately 1,528 acres on the TNF, primarily in District 5, including in the vicinity of Cascades Shores, Highway 20, Cruzon Grade, the Town of Washington, Bowman Lake, Gaston Ridge, and Lowell Hill Ridge; and

WHEREAS, Grant funded activities would include thinning of small diameter trees, removal of surface and ladder fuels, mechanical methods, manual methods, and targeted herbicide for invasives; and

WHEREAS, the project would take place on the Tahoe National Forest and thus the appropriate authority is required for OES to implement this work; and

WHEREAS, authority to implement the Nevada County Community Resilience Project (RS-541) is included in the Evacuation Safety Corridor and Protection Enhancements (ESCAPE) Good Neighbor Agreement between the USDA Forest Service and OES (SR 26-0585), which is being brought to the Board of Supervisors as a separate item.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada, State of California, approves and accepts the National Forest Foundation Direct Grant funding for the RS-541 Nevada County Community Resilience project in the amount of \$7,000,000 for use from June 10, 2026 through August 31, 2028, authorizing the Director of Emergency Services to execute the grant agreement and to complete all documents necessary to fulfill the requirements of the grant and directing the Auditor-Controller to amend the fiscal year 2026/27 budget as follows:

Increase:

FD1000 CC20702 PG4141000 SC21520	\$3,500,000
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