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**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**Board Agenda Memo**

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**MEETING DATE:** April 23, 2024

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** **Craig Griesbach – Office of Emergency Services**

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving the contract between USA Waste of California, Inc. and the Nevada County Office of Emergency Services for Community Green Waste Mitigation in the amount of \$100,000 for use during the period of April 23, 2024 through December 31, 2024, authorizing the Director of Emergency Services to execute the contract, and amend the FY 2023/24 Emergency Services budget.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt the attached Resolution

**FUNDING:** The Nevada County Board of Supervisors, at its January 2023 Workshop, approved \$350,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for green waste and other wildfire mitigation projects. Budget was subsequently established on September 12, 2023 by Resolution 23-485. This contract is part of that project. A budget amendment is included to move ARPA placeholder budget established in Resolution 23-485 into the Office of Emergency Services, in the amount of \$100,000. There is no impact to the General Fund.

**BACKGROUND:** In rural, forested Nevada County 92% of properties are located in high to very high fire hazard severity zones. Wildfire fuel reduction efforts in our community at all scales is greatly needed to reduce impacts and limit fire risks. The community is very engaged and takes ownership of vegetation management activities in their neighborhoods. When low-cost and free green waste resources have been provided to the community, they have answered the call using these resources to reduce fuels on private property.

In response to the continued need for vegetation management for private property, staff are collaborating with USA Waste of California, Inc. (Waste Management) to conduct additional free green waste drop off events on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup> of 2024. USA Waste of California, Inc. will host and facilitate these free green waste drop off events at the McCourtney Road Transfer Station located at 14741 Wolf Mountain Road in Grass Valley. This contract will shore up other green waste supportive programming this spring including the Firewise Microgrant Program, Winter Storm Hazardous Vegetation Clean-Up Project, Truckee Green Waste Community Events, and Firewise Community Green Waste Partnership Program.

**Item Initiated and Approved by:** Craig Griesbach, Director of Emergency Services