



RESOLUTION No. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NEVADA AND KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC. PERTAINING TO THE PROPOSED PONDEROSA WEST GRASS VALLEY DEFENSE ZONE EXTENSION PROJECT'S NEPA COMPLIANCE (NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT), IN THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF \$98,564, FOR THE PERIOD OF DECEMBER 17, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 17, 2020

WHEREAS, on January 8, 2019, Governor Newsom implemented Executive Order N-05-19 to direct CAL FIRE to issue a 45-day report with recommendations to prevent and mitigate wildfire to the greatest extent possible with an emphasis on environmental sustainability and public health; and

WHEREAS, the CAL FIRE Community Wildfire Prevention & Mitigation Report, published on March 22, 2019, included 35 priority projects across the state which would reduce public safety risk in over 200 communities of which included the "Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone;" and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2019, Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in California due to a vast-tree die-off throughout the state, which increased the risk of wildfires, and made funding available to begin fuels reduction within the Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone; and

WHEREAS, on July 9, 2019, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors, per Resolution 19-402, approved a \$1 million-dollar agreement between the County and CAL FIRE pertaining to fuels reduction services covering 300 acres within the Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone area; and

WHEREAS, also on July 9, 2019, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors, per Resolution 19-403, approved acceptance of a \$2,536,477 agreement between the County and CAL FIRE pertaining to fuels reduction services covering the remaining 1,200 acres of the Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone area; and

WHEREAS, also on July 9, 2019, per 19-402, the County Board of Supervisors found and determined that the fuels reduction services provided herein are exempt from CEQA pursuant to the Governor's March 22, 2019, Proclamation of State Emergency, suspending Division 13 Environmental Quality provisions (commencing with section 21000) of the California Public Resources Code, and regulations adopted pursuant to that Division, because the County will include environmental protections incorporated by CAL Fire for the Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone Project, and through the implementation of those protections to public health and the environment applied to the Project by the California Natural Resources Agency and the California Environmental Protection Agency to ensure the environment will be adequately protected; and

WHEREAS, Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone consists of both Federal and State Land found within the project area presiding Resolution 19-402 CEQA suspension only applies to State lands; and

WHEREAS, the County and the Federal Bureau of Land Management desire to extend fuels reduction services to federal lands in and around the Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone, referred to as the proposed Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone Extension Project, thereby requiring an environmental assessment for NEPA compliance on federal lands located in and around the project area; and

WHEREAS, Kimley-Horn provides expert and professional services which involve extended analysis, the exercise of discretion and independent judgement in their performance, and advanced specialized knowledge and expertise in coordinating, managing and conducting all tasks required for NEPA compliance that will be prepared on behalf of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada, State of California, approves the Personal Services Contract by and between the County of Nevada and Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. pertaining to the proposed Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone Extension Project's NEPA Compliance in the maximum contract amount of \$98,564, for the term of December 17, 2019 through December 17, 2020, and authorizes the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the Contract on behalf of the County.

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