



NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: May 23, 2023

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Craig Griesbach – Office of Emergency Services

SUBJECT: Resolution approving acceptance of the CAL FIRE California Climate Investments Wildfire Prevention Grant for the 5GA21159 Winter Storm Hazardous Vegetation Clean-Up Project in the amount of \$950,000 for use during the period May 12, 2023 through March 15, 2025 and retroactively authorizing the Director of Office of Emergency Services to execute the grant agreement and all additional documents required to fulfill the requirements of the grant on behalf of the County of Nevada.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: The CAL FIRE Wildfire Prevention Grant Program funds in the amount of \$950,000 will be received in the Office of Emergency Services budget. These funds include \$52,692.55 to support Office of Emergency Services and Department of Public Works staff time to manage the grant and the project and indirect costs at 12% (\$101,785.71). There is no additional impact on the General Fund.

BACKGROUND: The Winter Storm of 2023 has significantly increased the volume of hazardous vegetation on roadways and around homes. Without resources to remove trees and other vegetation, the County of Nevada and individual communities with private roadways that were hard hit by snow and downed trees will be unable to clean-up critical evacuation routes and will thus be without safe options for egress during wildfire. Furthermore, without access to expanded community green waste event programming, residents across the County will be without a viable means to remove and dispose of hazardous vegetation and storm debris.

The Winter Storm Hazardous Vegetation Clean-up Project will deploy funding to ensure that 100 miles of County Roads are cleaned up, funds are provided through direct support to help highly impacted communities remove hazards from private roadways, and expanded opportunities to dispose of green waste will be available in both West and East County before fire season commences.

The Winter Storm Hazardous Vegetation Clean-Up Project is part of California Climate Investments, a statewide program that puts billions of Cap-and-Trade dollars to work reducing Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment—particularly in disadvantaged communities. The Cap-and-Trade program also creates a financial incentive for industries to invest in clean technologies and develop innovative ways to reduce

pollution. California Climate Investments projects include affordable housing, renewable energy, public transportation, zero-emission vehicles, environmental restoration, more sustainable agriculture, recycling, and much more. At least 35 percent of these investments are located within and benefiting residents of disadvantaged communities, low-income communities, and low-income households across California. For more information, visit the California Climate Investments website at: www.caclimateinvestments.ca.gov

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