



**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo**

MEETING DATE: April 9, 2024

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Craig Griesbach – Director of Emergency Services

SUBJECT: Resolution approving acceptance of the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Funds for the HMGP DR-4482-693-19 Phase 1 Prepare CA Match – Nevada County South Yuba Rim Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project in the amount of \$772,799.85 (Federal Share), \$85,866.65 (Non-Federal Share), and \$42,933.32 (Phase 1 Management Costs) during the period February 7, 2024 through July 19, 2025, authorizing the Director of Emergency Services to execute the grant agreement and all additional documents to fulfill the requirements of the grant on behalf of County of Nevada.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: The \$772,799.85 (Federal Share), \$85,866.65 (Non-Federal Share), and \$42,933.32 (Phase 1 Management Costs) will be received in the Office of Emergency Services budget. This project does not require match.

BACKGROUND: The South Yuba Rim Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project was identified as a priority wildfire mitigation action by the CAL FIRE Nevada-Yuba-Placer 2022 Strategic Plan. A suite of local partners including CAL FIRE Battalion 14, North San Juan Fire Protection District, 13 Firewise Communities, and local non-profit Yuba Watershed Institute have identified this project as a priority.

The purpose of this project is to conduct landscape-scale forest health treatment to reduce the unacceptable level of wildfire risk that the disadvantaged communities of North San Juan, Nevada City, Grass Valley, Penn Valley and Rough and Ready currently face. This project will complete the necessary planning for treatment of 800 acres of privately owned land that is nested within a 6,000-acre landscape-scale strategic planning area located on the San Juan Ridge.

In sum, project implementation will result in a contiguous area of hazardous fuels reduction stretching along the north rim of the South Yuba River canyon from Bridgeport east for 16 miles to North Bloomfield. It will link together and build upon completed actions on State, Federal, and private lands and protect over 44,000 residents, critical infrastructure, and the Wild and Scenic South Yuba River from the impacts of wildfire.

The planning phase of this project (Phase 1) for which funding has been awarded through HMGP DR-4482-693-19 Phase 1 has a budget of \$858,666.50 and includes an additional award of \$42,933.32 for Phase 1 Management Costs. The total project cost (Phase 1 and Phase 2) is estimated to be \$4.2 million. Phase 2 funds are anticipated to be awarded by FEMA upon completion of Phase 1.

Item Initiated by: Alex Keeble-Toll, Senior Administrative Analyst

Approved by: Craig Griesbach, Director of Emergency Services