



# **RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_**

## **OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA**

### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE FOR BRUSH CLEARING AS PART OF THE 2023-2025 VEGETATION REMOVAL PROJECT THROUGH THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT - ALL DIVISIONS.**

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works will perform yearly brush clearing along county-maintained roadways to provide safer egress routes for emergency evacuation, and to allow firefighters better ingress access to fight fires as part of the 2023-2025 Vegetation Removal Project through the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Grant; and

WHEREAS, the project will not remove landmark trees, will not work within 20 feet of the centerline of an existing waterway or wetland, will not use herbicides on riparian and wetland vegetation, will utilize all appropriate erosion control measures, will avoid all sensitive historic and pre-historic resources and special-status species, and will employ an Registered Professional Forester to ensure that no work occurs in unauthorized areas; and

WHEREAS, under Section 15301(c) of the State California Code of Regulations, Class 1 projects consisting of repair, maintenance, and minor alteration of existing streets and roadways are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act; and

WHEREAS, under Section 15301(h) of the State California Code of Regulations, Class 1 projects consisting of maintenance of existing landscaping and native growth are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act; and

WHEREAS, under Section 15304(i) of the State California Code of Regulations, Class 4 projects consisting of minor alterations to land including fuel management activities are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the the Nevada County Board of supervisors authorizes the Director of the Nevada County Department of Public Works to file a Notice of Exemption with the Nevada County Clerk-Recorder's Office for brush clearing on Nevada County roadway as part of the 2023-2025 Vegetation Removal Project through the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Grant in conformance with Exhibit A attached hereto.