



RESOLUTION No. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES TO APPLY TO THE SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY'S SIERRA NEVADA WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOREST HEALTH GRANT FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 TO FUND AN EXTENSION TO THE PONDEROSA WEST GRASS VALLEY DEFENSE ZONE PROJECT ON FEDERAL LAND IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$999,925 AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES TO EXECUTE THIS APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the Office of Emergency Services is responsible for preparing and mitigating wildfire hazards in the County; and

WHEREAS, the County of Nevada has a severe and present danger of wildfire presenting a threat to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) is a California state agency that initiates, encourages, and supports efforts that improve the environmental, economic, and social well-being of the Sierra Nevada Region, its communities, and the citizens of California; and

WHEREAS, the focus of the Watershed Improvement Program Forest Health Grant is on forest health projects that result in multiple watershed benefits, consistent with the following purposes: 1) Implementing fuel treatment projects to reduce wildfire risks, protect watersheds tributary to water storage facilities, and promote watershed health; 2) Protecting and restoring rural and urban watershed health to improve watershed storage capacity, forest health, protection of life and property, and greenhouse gas reduction; and 3) Implementing watershed adaptation projects to reduce the impacts of climate changes on California's communities and ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, County of Nevada staff worked with Bureau of Land Management to submit a pre-application on August 5, 2019 and, on September 4, 2019, received an invitation to apply; and

WHEREAS, this project will treat federal lands directly adjacent to the existing project and leverage the momentum and resources which have previously been allocated to the existing Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone Project to reduce hazardous vegetation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Nevada County, that the Nevada County Office of Emergency Services is authorized to apply to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy's Sierra Nevada Watershed Improvement Program Forest Health Grant Fiscal Year 2019-2020 to fund an extension to the Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone Project on federal land in the total amount of \$999,925 and authorizing the Director of Emergency Services to execute this application. The acceptance of this grant will be brought to the Board of Supervisors for approval per County policy.