



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

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

### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF THE NEVADA COUNTY RECREATION AND RESILIENCY MASTER PLAN**

WHEREAS, on February 8, 2022 and each subsequent year, the Board of Supervisors adopted recreation as a Board Objective to “promote sustainable recreation in partnership with community providers and other jurisdictions to enhance recreational access, support public health and safety, realize economic opportunities, and preserve natural resource assets”; and

WHEREAS, the development of the Nevada County Recreation & Resiliency Master Plan (RRMP) was identified as a priority initiative and would support Goal 5.1 in the Nevada County 1995 General Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors approved up to \$450,000 for developing the RRMP through a combination of \$250,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding and grant funding; and

WHEREAS, this initiative is aligned with the ARPA final rule priority of “2.22: Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety”; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors accepted \$200,000 from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Vibrant Recreation & Tourism grant program for developing the RRMP; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors approved a contract for consulting services to prepare the RRMP from Design Workshop, Inc. on September 27, 2022 in the total amount of \$442,970 with a contingency of \$7,030 for a term of September 27, 2022 to June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Design Workshop, Inc. and its subcontractors have worked with Community Development Agency Staff to develop the final RRMP through comprehensive analysis, mapping, benchmarking studies, project and funding evaluation and extensive outreach and engagement activities for collecting input from the public and a diverse range of agency and community stakeholders including public land managers, special districts, and organized and outdoor recreation providers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the County of Nevada Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorizes adoption of the Nevada County Recreation & Resiliency Master Plan; and
2. The County finds that the adoption of the Nevada County Recreation & Resiliency Master Plan is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15061(b)(3) (there is no possibility the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment). In addition to the foregoing general exemptions, the following statutory exemption applies: California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 15262 Feasibility and Planning Studies is applicable. The exemption states that a project involving only feasibility or

planning studies for possible future actions which the agency has not approved or funded does not require preparation of an Environmental Improvement Report (EIR) or Negative Declaration but does require consideration of environmental factors. Consistent with this exemption, the Master Plan provides data and recommendations for future policy decisions but does not commit the County to later activities or any specific project.

3. Authorizes the Community Development Agency Director or designee to incorporate any minor changes into the Plan documents before publishing the final version.