



RESOLUTION No. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH ASCENT ENVIRONMENTAL INC., TO PREPARE THE COUNTY'S 7th CYCLE HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE, COVERING THE 2027-2035 REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION (RHNA) CYCLE TO ACHIEVE CERTIFICATION BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$319,370 AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR CONTROLLER TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 PLANNING AND SOURCES AND USES BUDGETS (4/5 AFFIRMATIVE VOTE)

WHEREAS, Nevada County is required by State law to update its Housing Element every eight years. Known as the 7th Cycle Housing Element (2027–2035), it is mandated under Government Code Sections 65580–65589.8 to ensure that the County plans for existing and projected housing needs for all income levels; and

WHEREAS, the County released a Request for Proposals (RFP) on January 13th, 2026 to solicit proposals from qualified firms to develop the County's Housing Element. The RFP period closed on February 13, 2026, and the County received seven proposals. A County team comprised of staff from CDA and HHSA reviewed the proposals and selected Ascent Environmental, Inc. as the most qualified firm with the most complete and comprehensive proposal to complete the work; and

WHEREAS, the update will build on recent efforts, including the County's General Plan and prior housing initiatives, while incorporating lessons from previous cycles, new legislation, and local community input. The consultant will collaborate closely with County staff, leveraging the County's local knowledge with the consultant's technical expertise in housing policy, HCD compliance, and environmental review; and

WHEREAS, due to increased Regional Housing Needs Allocation requirements, significant changes in State law regulating housing elements, contracting with a consulting firm will leverage expertise and recommendations for a successful Housing Element update on or before May 2027; and

WHEREAS, Nevada County desires to contract with Ascent Environmental Inc., for the preparation of the 7th Cycle Housing Element (2027-2035) which is due to be approved by Housing and Community Development (HCD) by May 2027.

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

1. Approves the contract between the County of Nevada and Ascent Environmental, Inc. (Exhibit "A") pertaining to developing an updated Housing Element for the 2027-2035 7th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Allocation in the amount not to exceed of \$319,370.

2. Authorizes the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the contract with Ascent Environmental Inc., to prepare an updated 2027-2035 Housing Element.
3. Directs the Auditor-Controller to release General Fund (FD1000) and Community Development Agency (FD1123) fund balance and amend the fiscal year 2025/2026 budgets, respectively, as follows:

Increase:

FD1000	CC10206	PG2721206	SC70800	159,685
FD1123	CC20708	PG3251000	RC74000	159,685
FD1123	CC20708	PG3251000	SC21520	319,370