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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: April 25, 2017
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Joshua H. Pack, Principal Civil Engineer
SUBJECT: **Approval of Contract Amendment No. 2 with Trees Unlimited, Inc. for Tree Felling and Brush Removal Services (PESK3120)**

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached resolution.

FUNDING: Funding is for Fiscal Year 2016/17 and impacts the Roads Maintenance Budget. There is no impact to the General Fund and no budget amendment is needed.

BACKGROUND:

On July 1, 2016 the County's Purchasing Agent executed an agreement with Trees Unlimited, Inc. for tree felling and brush removal services for a maximum not to exceed contract amount of \$25,000. This contract included the removal of dead trees from road right of way affected by widespread tree mortality and a major bark beetle epidemic. These concerns were highlighted by the Board of Supervisors adoption of Resolution 16-468, proclaiming a local emergency in Nevada County due to extreme tree mortality.

A dramatic increase in tree removal affected by the bark beetle epidemic and recent drought exceeded the previous tree felling contract budget. As a result, the Board adopted Resolution 16-506 on October 25, 2016 to increase the maximum contract amount to \$75,000 for additional tree removal activity.

Since October, there has been a continued need to remove trees affected by tree mortality and the bark beetle epidemic. The historic winter storm activity that includes recent emergency declarations has exacerbated the need for additional tree removal. This has resulted in the need to increase the contract an additional \$50,000 for a maximum not to exceed contract amount to \$125,000 to provide sufficient funds for tree removal activity the remainder of this fiscal year. County staff has been coordinating with the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to report damages resulting from the January and February storms. Wherever possible, staff will aggressively pursue reimbursement for any eligible tree removal activities costs resulting from these storms. The contract termination date is June 30, 2017.

Item Initiated by: Joshua H. Pack, Principal Civil Engineer

Approved by: Trisha Tillotson, Director of Public Works

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