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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: July 23, 2019

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Steve Monaghan – IGS-Emergency Management**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving a donation of equipment and supplies to Gold Country Community Services for the Senior Firewood Program in support of the Board Objective to reduce the risk of local wildfire

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution

FUNDING: The equipment and supplies were purchased for a total of \$2,828.58 through the Office of Emergency Services FY 2018/2019 budget. No budget amendment is needed and there is no impact on the General Fund.

BACKGROUND: The Board of Supervisors adopted their 2019 Board Objective in February 2019 through Resolution 19-070. One of the Priority A Objectives is to “Reduce the risk of local wildfire and the effects of wildfire on life, property and the environment by providing leadership and support to community partners, pursuing State and Federal funding, implementing county policies and programs, and assisting the public to be ‘wildfire ready.’ Explore other ways to reduce the threat and damage from wildfires”.

In support of this objective the Office of Emergency Services (OES) found that the Gold Country Community Services Senior Firewood Program needed new equipment to continue serving the community. This program was established in 1979 to assist low income senior households stay warm in the wintertime. The program accepts donations that are usually in need of cutting, splitting, etc. from properties within 10 miles of Grass Valley. The processing of felled trees and acceptance of wood into the program removes the wood from the properties thus reducing fuels on local properties while supporting the senior community with firewood. OES purchased two Husqvarna 28” chainsaws, two Stihl woodcutter kits, two 2.5 gallon fuel cans, two 2.5 gallon Husqvarna mix oil, one case Husqvarna bar oil, four 28” saw chains, two wheelbarrows, two set of gloves, two 20x40 tarps, and two fire extinguishers for a total cost of \$2,828.58. These purchases were made from two local vendors: A to Z and SPD Saw Shop. To support Board Priority Objective A and our community partner Gold Country Community Services, OES is requesting to donate these items to the Senior Firewood Program.

Item Initiated by: Jeff Pettitt

Approved by: Steve Monaghan