



RESOLUTION No. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SIGN THE JOINT MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION BETWEEN NEVADA, PLACER, AND EL DORADO COUNTIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADVANCING WILDFIRE RESILIENCY AND FOREST BIOMASS MANAGEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

WHEREAS, the County of Nevada has a severe and present danger from wildfire, presenting a threat to public health and safety, and this threat is shared by other counties in the region including Placer County and El Dorado County; and

WHEREAS, three years ago the California Office of Land Use and Climate Resiliency commissioned five pilot projects around the state to examine the obstacles of biomass removal from forested areas, which was known as the California Forest Residual Aggregation Market Enhancement (Cal FRAME); and

WHEREAS, locally this effort included participation of staff from Nevada, Placer, and El Dorado counties, in addition to other stakeholders including water districts, cities, resource conservation districts, fire safe councils, federal and state resource agencies, utilities, tribes, private industry, and non-governmental organizations; and

WHEREAS, the local group narrowed the focus of this ongoing effort and this corresponding Memorandum of Association to the following activities:

1. Economic development/bioeconomy development opportunity zones.
2. Joint biomass utilization project information sharing.
3. Joint biomass utilization funding opportunities.
4. Advocacy and coordination on biomass removal and use (state/federal).
5. Promotion of forest bioeconomy offtake facilities.
6. SB1383 compliance coordination for woody biomass.
7. Coordination/promotion of other wood manufacturing projects; and

WHEREAS, support for this effort is critical to the health safety, welfare, and economy of the three counties and presents a unique opportunity to coordinate efforts across jurisdictional boundaries for purposes of collective benefit; and

WHEREAS, this effort furthermore advances biomass solutions for Nevada County, which was previously identified as an interest of the Board of Supervisors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada, State of California, authorizes the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign the Joint Memorandum of Association between Nevada, Placer, and El Dorado Counties for the purpose of advancing wildfire resilience and forest biomass management on behalf of the County of Nevada.