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**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**Board Agenda Memo**

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**MEETING DATE:** March 25, 2025

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Alex Keeble-Toll – Office of Emergency Services

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving acceptance of the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funds for the HMGP DR-4683-1084-57 Lower Deer Creek – Penn Valley Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project in the amount of \$653,222.25 (Federal Share), \$217,740.75 (Non-Federal Share), and \$43,548.15 (Management Costs) with Firewise Community in-kind volunteer work to serve as the required match (Non-Federal Share) for use during the period of February 6, 2025 to August 6, 2026, authorizing the Director of Emergency Services to execute the grant agreement and all additional documents required to fulfill the requirements of the grant on behalf of the County of Nevada, and directing the Auditor Controller to amend the FY 2024/25 OES Budget (4/5 affirmative vote)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** The \$696,770.40 will be received in the Office of Emergency Services budget. This is the sum of the Federal Share (\$653,222.25) and the approved Management Costs (\$43,548.15) for OES staff project management. The Office of Emergency Services has received a commitment from Firewise Communities in the project area to provide in-kind volunteer match for the project to serve as the Non-Federal Share (\$217,740.75). Grant funds will be received into the OES budget and a budget amendment has been included for approval.

FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funds, including this grant agreement, are paid through Cal OES, and are not expected to be impacted by Federal spending freezes or reductions.

**BACKGROUND:** The *Lower Deer Creek - Penn Valley Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project* has been scoped as two 18-month phases. Phase 1 activities include: conduct the necessary community outreach, technical planning, cost assessments, and environmental permitting to have a shovel-ready implementation project with an accurate budget and benefit/cost analysis at the end of 18 months. The planning area for the project is approximately 1,000 acres and a key step for the Phase 1 Mitigation Action will be to identify the appropriate treatment prescription that will protect critical infrastructure and vulnerable communities through deployment of nature-based solutions that will mitigate the risk of future devastating wildfires. The Phase 2 Mitigation Action (also 18-months) is to conduct the on-the-ground hazardous vegetation abatement actions that are identified through Phase 1.

**Item Initiated by:** AJ Zekanoski, Administrative Analyst I

**Approved by:** Alex Keeble-Toll, Interim Director of Emergency Services