



**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo**

MEETING DATE: May 28, 2024

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Craig Griesbach – Director of Emergency Services**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving acceptance of the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Wildfire Recovery and Forest Resilience Grant Funds for the SNC #1512 South Yuba Rim Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project in the amount of \$214,666 during the period May 28, 2024 through March 1, 2027, authorizing the Director of Emergency Services to execute the grant agreement and all additional documents to fulfill the requirements of the grant on behalf of County of Nevada.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: The \$214,666 will be received in the Office of Emergency Services budget. This project includes \$10,000 for OES staff project management and \$25,465 for administration and overhead costs. This project does not require match.

BACKGROUND: The South Yuba Rim Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project was identified as a priority wildfire mitigation action by the CAL FIRE Nevada-Yuba-Placer 2022 Strategic Plan. A suite of local partners including CAL FIRE Battalion 14, North San Juan Fire Protection District, 13 Firewise Communities, and local non-profit Yuba Watershed Institute have identified this project as a priority.

The purpose of this project is to conduct landscape-scale forest health treatment to reduce the unacceptable level of wildfire risk that the disadvantaged communities of North San Juan, Nevada City, Grass Valley, Penn Valley and Rough and Ready currently face. This project will complete the necessary planning for fuels mitigation on 1,800 acres of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land that is nested in and around the privately owned land included in the 6,000-acre landscape-scale strategic planning area that is being addressed utilizing FEMA-HMGP Grant funds (DR-4482-693-19, Phase 1). Utilization of SNC funds

for planning on BLM land is strategic as FEMA (federal) funds cannot be used on federal land but SNC (state agency) funds can.

In sum, project implementation will result in a contiguous area of hazardous fuels reduction stretching along the north rim of the South Yuba River canyon from Bridgeport east for 16 miles to North Bloomfield. It will link together and build upon completed actions on State, Federal, and private lands and protect over 44,000 residents, critical infrastructure, and the Wild and Scenic South Yuba River from the impacts of wildfire.

The planning phase of this project for which funding has been awarded through SNC #1512 has a budget of \$214,666.

Item Initiated by: Alex Keeble-Toll, Senior Administrative Analyst

Approved by: Craig Griesbach, Director of Emergency Services