



RESOLUTION No. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE FOR TREE REMOVAL ON NEVADA COUNTY ROADWAYS AS PART OF THE HAZARD TREE REMOVAL PROJECT THROUGH THE CALFIRE WILDFIRE PREVENTION GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works will remove 417 hazard trees through the Hazard Tree Removal Project funded by the Cal Fire Wildfire Prevention Grant; and

WHEREAS, the project will aid in fuel reduction efforts and remove the potential for these trees to fall and block ingress and egress routes, especially during the event of a fire; and

WHEREAS, the project will not remove landmark trees, will not work within 20 feet of the centerline of an existing waterway or wetland, will not use herbicides on riparian and wetland vegetation, will utilize all appropriate erosion control measures, will avoid all sensitive historic and pre-historic resources and special-status species, and will employ a Registered Professional Forester to ensure that no work occurs in unauthorized areas; and

WHEREAS, under Section 15301(c) of the State California Code of Regulations, Class 1 projects consisting of repair, maintenance, and minor alteration of existing streets and roadways are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act; and

WHEREAS, under Section 15301(h) of the State California Code of Regulations, Class 1 projects consisting of maintenance of existing landscaping and native growth are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act; and

WHEREAS, under Section 15304(i) of the State California Code of Regulations, Class 4 projects consisting of minor alterations to land including fuel management activities are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Nevada County Board of supervisors authorizes the Director of the Nevada County Department of Public Works to file a Notice of Exemption with the Nevada County Clerk-Recorder's Office for the Hazard Tree Removal Project as part of the Cal Fire Wildfire Prevention Grant in conformance with Exhibit A attached hereto.