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## NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### Board Agenda Memo

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**MEETING DATE:** August 22, 2023

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving execution of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County of Nevada, Northstar Community Services District, Town of Truckee, Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation, Truckee Fire Protection District, and County of Placer regarding the North Tahoe Truckee Biomass Task Force and authorizing the Director of Emergency Services to execute the MOU

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** No fiscal impacts are anticipated.

**BACKGROUND:** The current Nevada County Board Objective for Emergency Preparedness is to “Lead the community in all hazards planning, preparedness, response, and recovery with a focus on wildfire. Do this by focusing on improving countywide evacuation routes and safety, continuing the strengthen early alert and critical communication systems, partnering closely with residents and community partners in emergency preparedness, defensible space, home hardening, green waste disposal, and fire-safe land stewardship.” Biomass solutions are a vital piece of this puzzle that will help achieve this objective. Creating pathways for biomass solutions and infrastructure is critical to the success of our fuel mitigation, defensible space, and forest health projects.

Over the past several months stakeholders from the Nevada County Office of Emergency Services, Northstar Community Services District, Town of Truckee, Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation, Truckee Fire Protection District, and Placer County have been meeting discussing challenges and potential solutions related to biomass. This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to formalize this stakeholder group as the North Tahoe Truckee Biomass Task Force and extends to December 31, 2027.

The purpose of this Task Force is to collaborate promoting a greater usage of local wood biomass from regional forest thinning operations, local defensible space projects, and other community-based fuel reduction projects. The principal goal of this effort is improving and restoring forest conditions, improving community resilience to wildfire, reducing Particulate Matter and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions, and creating renewable power, heating, and other products for local usage that supports our local economies.

This Task Force intends to leverage resources, share costs, conduct educational outreach activities, and provide an integrated regional solution to community/forest biomass-related issues. This regional plan has the potential to create renewable energy and heating, centralize

biomass processing, reduce the overall cost of biomass disposal, and reduce particulate matter and GHG from open pile burning, decomposing wood fiber, and long trucking routes, all while reducing the risk of catastrophic wildfire.

**Item Initiated & Approved by:** Craig Griesbach, Director of Emergency Services