



RESOLUTION No. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONTRACT BETWEEN SIERRA STREAMS INSTITUTE AND THE NEVADA COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR THE SIERRA FOOTHILL FOREST CLIMATE RESILIENCE PROJECT (WC-2340KM) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,099,587.00 FOR USE DURING THE PERIOD OCTOBER 3, 2023 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2027, AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT, AND DIRECTS THE AUDITOR CONTROLLER TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2023/24 EMERGENCY SERVICES BUDGET (4/5 affirmative vote required)

WHEREAS, Emergency Preparedness is an Objective of the County of Nevada Board of Supervisors with a focus on wildfire by improving countywide evacuation routes and safety, continuing to 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; and

WHEREAS, funds were made available to the Wildlife Conservation Board for the enhancement or restoration of fish and wildlife habitat and for the development of public access facilities for hunting, fishing or other wildlife-oriented recreational uses; and

WHEREAS, the Sierra Foothill Forest Climate Resilience Project (SFFCRP) will improve forest health and reduce catastrophic wildfire risk using climate-smart management practices across multiple private and Federal parcels in Nevada City, California; and

WHEREAS, the County of Nevada Office of Emergency Services (OES) submitted a grant proposal to the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) in partnership with local non-profit Sierra Streams Institute for the SFFCRP on February 15, 2023; and

WHEREAS, retroactive permission to apply for this grant was brought to the Board of Supervisors and approved on March 14, 2023 (No. 23-114); and

WHEREAS, the Wildlife Conservation Board subsequently awarded funding for the SFFCRP and issued a Notice to Proceed on October 3, 2023; and

WHEREAS, fund acceptance for the SFFCRP was brought to the Board of Supervisors and approved on October 24, 2023 (No. 23-535); and

WHEREAS, the Office of Emergency Services intends to implement the Sierra Foothill Forest Climate Resilience Project (SFFCRP) in partnership with Sierra Streams Institute, restoring mixed-conifer oak woodland across multiple private and federal parcels in the Sierra Nevada foothills; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Emergency Services will contract with Sierra Streams Institute for an amount not to exceed \$2,099,587.00 to manage and execute this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada, State of California, approves the contract in substantially the form attached between Sierra Streams Institute for the Sierra Foothill Forest Climate Resilience Project in the amount of \$2,099,587.00 for the term of October 3, 2023 through January 31, 2027, authorizes the Director of Emergency Services to execute the contract on behalf of the County of Nevada, and directs the Auditor Controller to amend the Office of Emergency Services Fiscal Year 2023/24 Budget as follows:

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