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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: June 28, 2022

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Alison Lehman, County Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Services Contract with Robert D. Niehaus (RDN) pertaining to execution of an independent economic impact analysis of the proposed Idaho-Maryland Mine Project in Nevada County (Res. 21-539) to extend the contract termination date from June 30, 2022 to June 30, 2023

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Resolution.

FUNDING: Contract services will be paid for from the County Executive Office FY 21/22. The total maximum contract price shall remain unchanged at \$88,000. A budget amendment is not necessary at this time and these services are funded by general fund dollars.

BACKGROUND: On December 21, 2021, per Resolution 21-539, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors approved the execution of the Professional Services Contract with Robert D. Niehaus (RDN) to provide an independent assessment of the economic impacts (costs and benefits) of proposed mining activities within the county. The proposed mining project is a combined application for a Conditional Use Permit and Reclamation Plan to reinstate underground mining and gold mineralization processing and is currently in the environmental review process. On April 4, 2022 contract Amendment No. 1 was executed as authorized by the Nevada County Purchasing Policy 7.3(d) which was adopted by the Nevada County Board of Supervisors on May 28, 2019 per Resolution 19-241 and increased the maximum contract amount from \$80,000 to \$88,000.

The Economic Impact Analysis is not part of the environmental review process; however, the document may use information from the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Final EIR. As the Final EIR timing is still unknown, extending the term of the consultant agreement for the study will allow the consultant to factor in any findings in the Final EIR as may be relevant. The

Consultant's scope of work focuses on determining estimated direct and indirect impacts of the project, including estimated property related impacts and fiscal impacts, such as impacts to government, safety, and fire related services.

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve Amendment No. 2 as it will allow the project timeline to align more fully with the timing of the Final EIR.

Item Initiated by: Georgette Aronow, Senior Management Analyst

Approved by: Alison Lehman, County Executive Officer