



RESOLUTION No. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) AND AWARD SELECTION PROCEDURES FOR “PINES TO MINES ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT” CONTRACT, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASING DIVISION TO ADVERTISE FOR QUALIFIED PROPOSALS AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO INCREASE THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUDGET BY \$100,000.00 IN FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 (4/5 AFFIRMATIVE VOTE REQUIRED)

WHEREAS, the Pines to Mines Trail will gain regional and national attention through its long distance, varied terrain, unique habitats, and majestic views as it connects the Town of Truckee to the City of Nevada City; and

WHEREAS, the Pines to Mines Trail will benefit economic development in both the East and West sides of Nevada County; and

WHEREAS, the impacts on County trail recreation systems has been exacerbated as a result of COVID-driven Public Health orders to avoid congregating indoors; and

WHEREAS, the Pines to Mines Trail project was spearheaded by District V Supervisor Richard Anderson and has been a priority for a network of passionate non-profit organizations including the Bear Yuba Land Trust, Truckee Trails Foundation, Gold Country Trails Council and Bicyclists of Nevada County since the Summer of 2015; and

WHEREAS, the yet-to-be-built Pines to Mines trail connection is entirely on Tahoe National Forest land; and

WHEREAS, The Tahoe National Forest has sole authority to set the scope of and authorize a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Environmental Assessment (EA) per the NEPA Forest Services Handbook Chapter 11; and

WHEREAS, the County of Nevada desires to advance the completion of the Pines to Mines trail by funding the required Environmental Assessment and environmental studies required to meet California Environmental Quality Act requirements for non-motorized trails; and

WHEREAS, in January 2020 and 2021 the Board of Supervisors during their Board Workshop discussed funding the Pines to Mines Environmental Review in the amount of \$100,000.00 as part of their Economic Development planning.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Nevada County Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada, State of California that:

1. The Request for Proposals (RFP) for the “Pines to Mines Environmental Assessment” award selection procedures is hereby approved in substantially the same form as attached hereto, as amended pursuant to direction given by the Board of Supervisors during the public meeting of August 10, 2021, and authority is hereby given to the County Executive Officer to make any amendments or additions as are necessary to comply with all laws and guidelines; and

2. The Purchasing Division is authorized to advertise for proposals from the qualified entities, and authorizes the formation of an evaluation committee as outlined in the amended RFP to review the responsive proposals, score each proposal per the criteria described in the RFP, and make recommendations to the County Executive Officer who will develop and bring back the final recommendation to the Nevada County Board of Supervisors for approval; and
3. The Auditor-Controller is directed to release \$100,000.00 from the Economic Development Assignment in the General Fund Balance and make the following adjustments to the Economic Development Budget in Fiscal Year 2021-22.

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