

RESOLUTION No.

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE FOR THE RIVER FIRE TREE REMOVAL SAFETY PROJECT

WHEREAS, the River Fire Tree Removal Safety Project proposes the removal or pruning of various trees killed or damaged by the River Fire on 0.3 miles of Taylor Crossing Road; and

WHEREAS, Road Fund will initially fund the project with reimbursement from FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) and CAL OES (California Office of Emergency Services) and the General Fund. A budget amendment will be necessary if a vendor contract is awarded; and

WHEREAS, under Section 15269(d) of the CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) Guidelines, projects carried out by a public agency to repair or restore an existing highway damaged by fire provided that the project is within the existing right of way of that highway and is initiated within one year of the damage occurring are categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA; and

WHEREAS, under Section 15301(c) of the CEQA Guidelines, Class 1 projects consisting of the repair and maintenance of existing streets are categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA.

WHEREAS, under Section 15301(h) of the CEQA Guidelines, Class 1 projects consisting of maintenance of existing landscaping and native growth (excluding the use of pesticides, as defined in Section 12753, Division 7, Chapter 2, Food and Agriculture Code) are categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada 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 River Fire Tree Removal Safety Project.