



## **RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_**

### **OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA**

#### **RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NEVADA AND THE FIRE SAFE COUNCIL OF NEVADA COUNTY PERTAINING TO FUELS REDUCTION SERVICES WITHIN THE PONDEROSA WEST GRASS VALLEY DEFENSE ZONE, IN THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF \$940,171 FOR THE TERM OF JULY 23, 2019 THROUGH MARCH 30, 2022**

WHEREAS, on January 8, 2019, Governor Newsom implemented Executive Order N-05-19 to direct CAL FIRE to issue a 45-day report with recommendations to prevent and mitigate wildfire to the greatest extent possible with an emphasis on environmental sustainability and public health; and

WHEREAS, the CAL FIRE Community Wildfire Prevention & Mitigation Report, published on March 22, 2019, included 35 priority projects across the state which would immediately help reduce public safety risk in over 200 communities of which included County of Nevada's Project "Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone;" and

WHEREAS, THE Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone consists of an area of 1,200 acres located just below Rough and Ready Highway and above McCourtney Road; and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2019, Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in California due to a vast-tree die-off throughout the state, which increased the risk of wildfires, and made funding available to begin fuels reduction within the Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone; and

WHEREAS, on July 9, 2019, the Nevada County Board approved Resolution 19-401, Proclaiming a Local Emergency in Nevada County due to the extremely dangerous fire risk conditions within the Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone area; and

WHEREAS, also on July 9, 2019, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors, per Resolution 19-402, approved a \$1 million-dollar agreement between the County and CAL FIRE pertaining to fuels reduction services covering up to 300 acres within the Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone area; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, the Fire Safe Council will be responsible for coordinating 300 acres of fuels reduction services within the Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone area; and

WHEREAS, the objective of the fuels reduction within the Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone is to provide a shaded fuels management defense zone amongst homes and along roads, thinning trees, shrubs, brush and other vegetative growth; and

WHEREAS, on July 9, 2019, per Resolution 19-402, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors found and determined that the fuels reduction services to be provided herein are exempt from CEQA pursuant to the Governor's March 22, 2019, Proclamation of a State Emergency, suspending Division 13 Environmental Quality provisions (commencing with section 21000) of the California Public Resources Code, and regulations adopted pursuant to that Division, because the County will include environmental protections incorporated by CAL FIRE for the Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone Project, and through the implementation of those protections to public health and the environment applied to the Project by the California Natural Resources Agency and the California Environmental Protection Agency to ensure the environment will be adequately protected; and

WHEREAS, prior to the commencement of the fuels reduction services required herein, the Fire Safe Council will be required to incorporate these environmental protection measures and best management practices, as well as any and all other environmental protection measures and best management practices included in biological and cultural studies on the Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone area that will be prepared on behalf of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada, State of California, approves the Personal Services Contract by and between the County of Nevada and the Fire Safe Council of Nevada County pertaining to fuels reduction services within the Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone in the maximum contract amount of \$940,171, for the for the term July 23, 2019 through March 30, 2022, and authorizes the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the Contract on behalf of the County.

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