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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: July 28, 2026

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Alex Keeble-Toll – Director of Emergency Services**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving and accepting Sierra Nevada Conservancy Funds for the Town of Washington Wildfire Defense Project Grant (SNC #1836) in the amount of \$1,027,721 for use through January 1, 2030, authorizing the Director of Emergency Services to execute the grant agreement and all documents necessary to fulfill the requirements of the grant on behalf of the County of Nevada and directing the Auditor-Controller to amend the fiscal year 2026/27 Emergency Services budget (4/5 Affirmative vote required)

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: The Town of Washington Wildfire Defense Project Grant (SNC #1836) funds in the amount of \$1,027,721 will be received into the Office of Emergency Services budget. No match is required. A budget amendment has been included increasing the Fiscal Year 2026/27 Office of Emergency Services revenue and expenditure budget.

BACKGROUND: The County of Nevada Office of Emergency Services (OES) and the Tahoe National Forest (TNF) both have a vested interest in supporting wildfire resilient communities and landscapes in Nevada County by securing funding for and collaboratively implementing projects on or with benefit to National Forest System (NFS) lands.

The Town of Washington is surrounded by the Tahoe National Forest and represents one of the most vulnerable fire hazard areas in Nevada County as identified in the 2025 Community Wildfire Protection Plan (Res. 25-604) and the 2024 Evacuation Study (File No. 24-0695).

The Town of Washington Wildfire Defense Project is designed to address evacuation

constraints for the Town of Washington through 172 acres of hazardous vegetation abatement along two critical evacuation routes - Washington Road and Alpha Road.

This project aligns with other shaded fuel breaks on the Tahoe National Forest such as Cruzonville, the Inimim Forest Restoration Project, the Western Nevada County Community Defense Project, and the South Yuba Rim BLM project.

Partnership with the Nisenan Tribe, who were engaged during proposal development, is a component of the project. The HUSWEJ (formerly CHIRP) tribally led fuels crew will be leading hand thinning and piling for up to 38 acres.

As the project would take place in the Tahoe National Forest, the appropriate authority is required for OES to implement this work. Authority to implement the Town of Washington Wildfire Defense Project (SNC #1836) is included in the Evacuation Safety Corridor and Protection Enhancements (ESCAPE) Good Neighbor Agreement between the USDA Forest Service and OES (SR 26-0585), which is being brought to the Board of Supervisors as a separate item.

This resolution approves the Agreement between Sierra Nevada Conservancy in the amount of \$1,027,721 for the Town of Washington Wildfire Defense Project (SNC#1836) with a termination date of January 1, 2030, authorizes the Director of Emergency Services to execute the grant agreement, and amends the Fiscal Year 2026/27 Office of Emergency Services Budget to accommodate the revenue and expenditures for the project.

Item Initiated by: Corinne Benson, Administrative Analyst II

Approved by: Alex Keeble-Toll, Director of Emergency Services