



RESOLUTION No. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE NEVADA COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE USDA, UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE (USFS), PACIFIC SOUTHWEST REGION, FIRE AND AVIATION MANAGEMENT GRANT FOR THE PONDEROSA PHASE 1 MAINTENANCE PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$750,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES TO EXECUTE ALL ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO FULFILL THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

WHEREAS, the Office of Emergency Services is responsible for mitigating wildfire hazards in the County; and

WHEREAS, the County of Nevada has a severe and present danger of wildfire presenting a threat to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone Phase 1 Shaded Fuel Break Project was identified as a priority wildfire mitigation action by the CAL FIRE Nevada-Yuba-Placer Strategic Plan and the Nevada County Community Wildfire Protection Plan; and

WHEREAS, CAL FIRE funded the Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone Phase 1 Shaded Fuel Break Project, and this work was completed on March 15, 2022; and

WHEREAS, shaded fuel breaks must receive maintenance actions every two to three years or within five years all mitigation benefit is lost; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Emergency Services was directed to submit a FY23 Earmark Request (Congressionally Directed Spending) for maintenance of the Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone Phase 1 Shaded Fuel Break; and

WHEREAS, because this earmark request was approved the Office of Emergency Services has been instructed to submit a grant application to the USDA, United States Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Region, Fire and Aviation Management, the administrating agency of these funds; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, acceptance of this grant will be brought to the Board of Supervisors for approval per County Policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Nevada County does hereby authorize the Nevada County Office of Emergency Services to submit a grant application to the USDA, United States Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Region, Fire and Aviation Management, in the total amount of \$750,000 and authorizes the Director of Office Emergency Services, or their designee, to execute all additional documents required to fulfill the requirements of the grant application on behalf of the County of Nevada.