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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: October 25, 2016
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Joshua Pack, Principal Civil Engineer
SUBJECT: **Resolution Approving an Agreement between the County of Nevada and Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) for Tree Removal Assistance and Amending the Fiscal Year 2016/17 Road Maintenance Budget – 4/5 Affirmative Vote Required**

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached resolution.

FUNDING: Funds collected from PG&E will be utilized by the County to fund tree removal in the public right of way for dead or diseased trees. The agreement impacts the 2016/17 Roads Maintenance budget, with \$60,300 revenue offset by a like amount of expenses. A budget amendment has been prepared for consideration. There is no impact to the General Fund.

BACKGROUND:

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) has submitted an encroachment permit with Nevada County to remove trees in the public right of way that could potentially affect gas transmission pipeline safety. The proposed permit is part of a larger PG&E effort to improve pipeline safety throughout western Nevada County and California through their Community Pipeline Safety Initiative (CPSI). The purpose of this safety work is to help ensure items like trees, sheds and other items do not delay firefighters or safety crews from accessing the pipeline in an emergency, or cause damage to the pipeline.

PG&E has performed an in-depth review of trees located within 10 feet of the pipeline to identify trees that pose an emergency access or safety concern. The survey identified a maximum of 603 trees within the public right of way that could affect pipeline safety along the following roads:

- Spenceville Road (Oak Meadow Road to Penn Valley Drive)
- Penn Valley Drive (Spenceville Road to State Route 20)
- Rough and Ready Highway (State Route 20 to approximately 500' south of Harvest Lane)
- Squirrel Creek Road (Crestwood Street to Adam Avenue)
- Adam Avenue (Squirrel Creek Road to Rough and Ready Highway)
- Rough and Ready Highway (Adam Avenue to Ridge Road)
- Ridge Road (Rough and Ready Highway to Grass Valley City Limits)

The County will closely coordinate with PG&E during the tree removal process to minimize impacts and delays to local residents and traffic. A letter outlining PG&E's project and funding commitment is shown in Exhibit A.

To offset impacts from tree removal in the public right of way, PG&E will provide the County with an in-lieu payment of \$100 per franchise tree, for a total maximum payment of \$60,300.

The County – through the Department of Public Works – and PG&E will account for each tree removed, and at the end of the project PG&E will remit full payment to the County. The County will then utilize funds from the tree removal to provide additional tree removal services in the County right of way to provide fire safe clearing of dead or diseased trees.

Item Initiated by: Joshua Pack, Principal Civil Engineer

Approved by: Steve Castleberry, Director of Public Works

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