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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: September 24, 2019

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Steve Monaghan, Chief Information Officer

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing an amendment to the FY2019-20 Office of Emergency Services budget in the amount of \$2,536,477 and approving the capital assets purchase of two chippers in the amount of \$80,000 for the Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone Project. (Requires 4/5 affirmative vote.)

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution

FUNDING: The Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone Project was awarded by the State of California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) in the amount of \$2,536,477 and accepted by Resolution 19-403. A budget amendment is included to increase the FY2019-20 Office of Emergency Services budget by this amount which includes the cost for purchase of two chippers.

BACKGROUND: In December 2018, Nevada County submitted the Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone Project grant application to CAL FIRE's Fire Prevention Grant Program through Resolution 18-597. On April 24, 2019, the County of Nevada was notified of the grant award, and on July 9, 2019 the Board accepted the grant award through Resolution 19-403.

The Project is the number one priority listed in Nevada County's most recent Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), a collaborative planning document developed by a cross-section of stakeholders in wildfire prevention. The objective of the Project is to implement a shaded fuel management defense zone amongst homes and along roads, thinning trees, shrubs, brush and other vegetative growth. Sustainable forestry methods will be implemented to ensure that the fuel reduction treatment will result in remaining vegetation that is diverse in age, species, and size to ensure a healthy, defensible, self-sustaining landscape. Located just below Rough and Ready Highway and above McCourtney Road, this project will offer vital protection to the densely populated communities of Lake Wildwood, Penn Valley and Rough and Ready to the west, as well as the historic City of Grass Valley to the east. In addition, critical vegetation management will be achieved for a main evacuation artery, Highway 20. Two chippers were written into the grant application to implement the hazardous fuels reduction work.

This resolution authorizes the amendment of a \$2,536,477.00 increase to the FY19-20 Office of Emergency Services budget and authorizes the capital assets purchase of two chippers for the Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone Project. The break out of funds includes \$80,000 for the capital asset purchase of chippers and the remaining \$2,456,477 will be utilized for a contract with Fire Safe Council and other grant expenditures. The Fire Safe Council contract will be brought before the Board of Supervisors at a later meeting.

Item Initiated by: Jenn Tamo **Approved by:** Steve Monaghan