



RESOLUTION No. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN COUNTY OF NEVADA, ROUGH & READY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, AND PENN VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING SUPPORT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,500,000 OVER A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD SPECIFIC TO OPERATING ROUGH & READY FIRE STATION NO. 59 DURING REORGANIZATION OF THESE DISTRICTS INTO ONE CONSOLIDATED FIRE DISTRICT

WHEREAS, in recognition that independent fire protection districts in Nevada County are essential in ensuring public peace, health and safety, the County supports the efforts of the Rough & Ready Fire Protection District (“RRFPD”) and Penn Valley Fire Protection District (“PVFPD”) to reorganize into one district (“District”); and

WHEREAS, on August 8, 2023 (Resolution 23-429), the County Board of Supervisors approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to support the Rough and Ready Fire, Penn Valley Fire, and Nevada County Consolidated Fire Districts’ efforts to reorganize, and to operate the Rough & Ready Fire Station No. 59 prior to consolidation; and

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2023 (Resolution 23-608), the County Board of Supervisors approved “Amendment 1” to the MOU to extend the deadline for Section 4(b) “Milestone 2”; and WHEREAS, on May 28, 2024 (Resolution 24-241), the County Board of Supervisors approved “Amendment 2” to the MOU to provide a one-year extension of the MOU to support the consolidation effort underway; and

WHEREAS, the Rough and Ready Fire Protection District Board declined a reorganization proposal by Nevada County Consolidated Fire District at their April 8, 2025, Board meeting and decided to seek reorganization efforts solely with Penn Valley Fire Protection District; and

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2025, the County received notice from Nevada County Consolidated Fire District that they will no longer be pursuing reorganization efforts as originally agreed and requested to withdraw from the MOU; and

WHEREAS, the Penn Valley and Rough and Ready Fire Protection Districts seek to complete reorganization efforts and file required documentation with the Nevada County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) by December 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Penn Valley and Rough and Ready Fire Protection Districts have been providing operational coverage of Station No. 59 as of May 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors approved Resolution 25-320 on June 24, 2025 repealing and replacing the MOU between County of Nevada, Rough & Ready Fire Protection District, Penn Valley Fire Protection District, and Nevada County Consolidated Fire District, removing Nevada County Consolidated Fire District and to maintain operations of Rough & Ready Fire Station No. 59 during the reorganization of these districts into one consolidated fire district; and

WHEREAS, the County committed temporary gap funding of up to \$1,000,000 to maintain operations of Rough & Ready Fire Station No. 59 through June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, currently fiscal projections in accordance with the reorganization application present a fiscal gap to ensure that Fire Station No. 59 can be operated sustainably in the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2025 the County of Nevada received a formal request from the Penn Valley Fire Protection and Rough & Ready Fire Protection Districts to open the County Master Property Tax Allocation Agreement to provide additional dollars in support of a consolidated District; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors approved Resolution 25-497 affirming to not open the Master Property Tax Allocation Agreement as it would negatively impact other special districts; and

WHEREAS, additional funding support is required to operate Station No. 59 serving the Rough & Ready community until reorganization efforts are completed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada, State of California, hereby approves the MOU between the County of Nevada, Rough & Ready Fire Protection District, and Penn Valley Fire Protection District for additional funding support not to exceed \$1,500,000 over a five-year period specific to operating Station No. 59 in Rough & Ready and authorizes the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute this MOU on behalf of the County.