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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: September 24, 2019

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Steve Monaghan – IGS-Emergency Services**

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the Office of Emergency Services to apply to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy's Sierra Nevada Watershed Improvement Program Forest Health Grant FY2019-2020 to fund an extension to the Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone Project on federal land in the total amount of \$999,925 and authorizing the Director of Emergency Services to execute this application.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution

FUNDING: \$999,925 in funds will be received into the Emergency Management budget if the grant is awarded. No match is required for this grant.

BACKGROUND: Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) is a California state agency that initiates, encourages, and supports efforts that improve the environmental, economic, and social well-being of the Sierra Nevada Region, its communities, and the citizens of California.

The focus of the Watershed Improvement Program Forest Health Grant is on forest health projects that result in multiple watershed benefits, consistent with the following purposes:

- Implementing fuel treatment projects to reduce wildfire risks, protect watersheds tributary to water storage facilities, and promote watershed health.
- Protecting and restoring rural and urban watershed health to improve watershed storage capacity, forest health, protection of life and property, and greenhouse gas reduction.
- Implementing watershed adaptation projects to reduce the impacts of climate changes on California's communities and ecosystems.

County of Nevada staff worked with Bureau of Land Management to submit a pre-application on August 5, 2019 and on September 4, 2019 received an invitation to apply. This project will leverage the momentum and resources which have been allocated to the existing Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone Project to reduce hazardous vegetation and treat federal lands directly adjacent to the project. Moreover, these grants will lessen the community's financial burden in mitigating

wildfire hazards and will provide a higher level of public safety for our community.

Item Initiated by: Jenn Tamo

Approved by: Steve Monaghan