



RESOLUTION No. _____
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NEVADA, ROUGH & READY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, PENN VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, AND NEVADA COUNTY CONSOLIDATED FIRE DISTRICT TO SUPPORT THE REORGANIZATION OF THESE DISTRICTS INTO ONE CONSOLIDATED DISTRICT AND PROVIDE GAP FUNDING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000,000 TO OPERATE ROUGH & READY FIRE STATION #59 PRIOR TO CONSOLIDATION (FY 2023/24 AND 2024/25) AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO AMEND THE FY 2023/24 BUDGET (4/5 AFFIRMATIVE VOTE REQUIRED)

WHEREAS, in Nevada County, California, under the Fire Protection District Law of 1987, the fire districts provide the inhabitants within district boundaries with various services, including, but not limited to, fire protection services, rescue services, emergency medical services, hazardous material emergency response services, ambulance services, and other services relating to the protection of lives and property (“Services”); and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2023, Rough & Ready Fire Protection District (“RRFPD”) filed a Resolution of Application for Dissolution with the Local Agency Formation Committee of Nevada County (“LAFCo”) and notified the public that the Rough & Ready Station #59 would close by June 30, 2023, and all parties recognize that it is imperative that the Rough & Ready community has adequate fire protection services; and

WHEREAS, on April 11, 2023, Penn Valley Fire Protection District (“PVFPD”) filed a Resolution of Application for Annexation of the RRFPD territory, once RRFPD was dissolved; and

WHEREAS, LAFCo has undertaken a countywide Municipal Services Review, which should be complete by the end of 2023; and

WHEREAS, at the June 22, 2023, LAFCo meeting, RRFPD, PVFPD, and Nevada County Consolidated Fire District (“NCCFD”), (“the Districts”), announced that they would explore reorganizing into one district to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of fire protection and other services delivery, by seeking, pursuant to the provisions of Government Code section 56000 et seq., a consolidation (“Reorganization”); and

WHEREAS, in recognition that independent fire protection districts in Nevada County are essential in ensuring public peace, health and safety, the County supports the Districts’ efforts to reorganize into one district; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code section 26227 provides that the County Board of Supervisors may appropriate and expend money to finance programs deemed to be necessary to meet the social needs of the population of the county, including, but not limited to, the areas of health, law enforcement and public safety; and

WHEREAS, the Districts have requested funding from the County for temporary support of fire protection services at Rough & Ready Fire Station #59; which all parties acknowledge is an important location to respond to the Rough & Ready community, to Penn Valley and other surrounding districts; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors, by this Memorandum of Understanding, supports the Districts' efforts to reorganize, which may take at least a year, and will also identify temporary gap funds to be used as match funding roughly in the amount of \$400,000 for Fiscal Year 2023/24 and \$600,000 for Fiscal Year 2024/25 to operate Rough & Ready Fire Station #59 prior to consolidation, with all parties signing on by August 8, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada, State of California, approves the Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Nevada and the Districts, and authorizes the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the County. The Board of Supervisors further resolves that the Auditor-Controller is directed to release unassigned general fund balance in the amount of \$400,000 and amend the FY 2023/24 budget as follows:

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