



RESOLUTION No. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE FOR THE EGRESS/INGRESS FIRE SAFETY PROJECT

WHEREAS, the approximately 200 miles of County-maintained roadways listed in Exhibit A require vegetation treatment to provide safer egress routes for emergency evacuation, and to allow firefighters better ingress access to fight fires; and

WHEREAS, the project will provide a break in fuel continuity to aid in reducing the spread of fire; and

WHEREAS, selected roads have been chosen based on road type, dead end status, fire hazard severity zone and the confluence of residential neighborhoods with the wildland interface to provide the most benefit for the community; and

WHEREAS, the project will not remove landmark trees, will not work within 20 feet of the centerline of an existing waterway or wetland, will not use herbicides on riparian and wetland vegetation, will utilize all appropriate erosion control measures, will avoid all sensitive historic and pre-historic resources and special-status species, and will employ an Registered Professional Forester to ensure that no work occurs in unauthorized areas; and

WHEREAS, under Section 15301(c) of the State California Code of Regulations, Class 1 projects consisting of repair, maintenance, and minor alteration of existing streets and roadways are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act; and

WHEREAS, under Section 15301(h) of the State California Code of Regulations, Class 1 projects consisting of maintenance of existing landscaping and native growth are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act; and

WHEREAS, under Section 15304(i) of the State California Code of Regulations, Class 4 projects consisting of minor alterations to land including fuel management activities are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Nevada County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Nevada County Department of Public Works to file a Notice of Exemption with the Nevada County Clerk's Office for the Egress/Ingress Fire Safety Project in conformance with Exhibit A attached hereto.