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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: March 14, 2023
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Trisha Tillotson, Acting Director of Public Works
SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing environmental clearance for brush clearing as part of the 2023-2025 Vegetation Removal Project through the Community Development Block Grant- All Divisions.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached resolution.

FUNDING: The proposed 2023-2025 Vegetation Removal Project will be funded by the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Grant from California Housing and Development (HCD) within the Road Maintenance budget, there is no impact to the General Fund

BACKGROUND: The Department of Public Works will perform yearly brush clearing along county-maintained roadways to provide safer egress routes for emergency evacuation, and to allow firefighters better ingress access to fight fires. Brush clearing will consist of a combination of pulling, cutting, trimming, mowing, and spraying for vegetation that is up to six inches in diameter at a height of four foot from the ground, removal of the invasive species scotch broom and masticating other brush that is growing within 15 feet of each roadside. All trees to remain within the work area, regardless of size, will be limbed to a height of 15 feet or more above ground level. Downed vegetation will be removed from the clearing sites within 5 days of cutting. Sweeping will be done at the end of each day to remove any loose material from roadways, driveways, ditches, and gutters. All disturbed soils will be covered with approved erosion control measures

The Department of Public Works has reviewed the project for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has identified the project as being Categorically Exempt under California Code of Regulations Sections 15301(c), Repair, and maintenance of existing streets; 15301(h), Maintenance of existing landscaping and native growth; and 15304(i), Minor alterations to land. A Notice of Exemption has been prepared for the project as shown in Exhibit A and, upon approval by the Nevada County Board of Supervisors, will be filed with the Nevada County Clerk's Office in conformance with Exhibit A attached hereto.

Item Initiated by: Michelle Garcia, Assistant Engineer
Approved by: Trisha Tillotson, Acting Director of Public Works
Submittal Date: 2/22/2023
Revision Date: 3/2/2023