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## **NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

### **Board Agenda Memo**

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**MEETING DATE:** October 13, 2020

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution authorizing the capital asset purchase of a “SatRunner” mobile satellite communications system in the amount of \$55,224 and amending the FY20/21 Office of Emergency Services Budget (requires 4/5 affirmative vote)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt the Resolution approving the purchase of a “SatRunner” mobile satellite communications system for utilization in the Sheriff’s Office.

**FUNDING:** The capital asset purchase from the Office of Emergency Services (OES) FY20/21 Budget is funded by the Homeland Security Grant Program Funds. A budget amendment authorizing the capital asset purchase in the amount of \$55,224 has been included for approval.

**BACKGROUND:** As part of past and the current Nevada County Board Objectives, the Board of Supervisors has continued to “Reduce the risk of local wildfire and the effects of wildfire on life, property and the environment by providing leadership and support to community partners, pursuing State and Federal funding, implementing county policies and programs, and assisting the public to be wildfire ready.”

Of paramount importance to the Nevada County Board of Supervisors and the citizens of Nevada County is the protection of lives and structures from the threat of wildfire, and the safety of fire and law enforcement during wildfires.

The Nevada County Sheriff’s Office has identified a critical need for consistent and reliable voice and data communications during emergencies and disasters, such as wildfire evacuations, throughout the entire County. The purchase of a “SatRunner” mobile satellite communications system will provide that reliable connectivity anytime, anywhere. This will allow field command post personnel to more effectively coordinate evacuation operations with field units and to share data with the County’s Emergency Operations Center for transparency and public dissemination.

The Nevada County Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) is facilitated by the Office of Emergency services and consists of representatives from the Nevada County Public Health Department, County Fire Chief or Chief of Fire Authority, Municipal Fire Chief, Nevada County Sheriff and Chief of Police, who develop grant expenditure plans and have final approval on projects submitted as part of the grant application. The SatRunner project is within the approved HSGP allocated Sheriff designation.

The attached resolution approves the capital asset purchase of the SatRunner system and extender kit by the Office of Emergency Services for deployment and utilization in the Sheriff Office. A budget amendment has been included to reflect the capital asset purchase.

Item Initiated by: Paul Cummings  
Approved by: Steve Monaghan