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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: February 14, 2017

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Steve Monaghan – IGS-Facilities Management

SUBJECT: Resolution entering into a License Agreement with Phillips and Jordan, Inc., representing Pacific Gas and Electric Company, for the use of the Nevada County Operations Center access road for a Tree Mortality Debris Management Site (DMS), improvements to the access road and La Barr Meadows Road, providing a location for a possible public DMS, and authorizing the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the License Agreement

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution

FUNDING: None

BACKGROUND: Record drought conditions experienced in Nevada County over the last five years have stressed trees to a point where they are susceptible to bark beetle infestation, causing a condition of extreme tree mortality. The County of Nevada has proclaimed a Local Emergency due to these conditions through Resolution 16-468. Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) has agreed to remove infested trees from private and public lands that endanger dwellings and infrastructure. PG&E has hired Phillips and Jordan, Inc., (P&J) to facilitate the removal and disposal of the infected trees by establishing a DMS. P&J have leased part of the Rare Earth property to stockpile and chip the logs and debris. Because that location is not accessible from La Barr Meadows Road due to contaminated soil, P&J has asked to enter into a License Agreement with the County to use the Nevada County Operations Center road to access the DMS site.

For consideration of this license, P&J will complete necessary improvements to the access road by grading, widening, and surfacing as necessary for their operation and to align the access road with the elevation needed for the new Operations Center. Additionally, improvements to La Barr Meadows Road will be made by installing a right turn lane, an acceleration lane, and widening as necessary. They will also be installing gates that will prevent the public from entering the Operations Center area. Use of the road and required improvements will not interfere with the construction of the Operations Center.

It is also P&J's intent to obtain an additional lease for a paved area off La Barr Meadows Road for the Fire Safe Council to operate a public DMS and to install fencing to contain the public within the paved area. This site will be managed by the Fire Safe Council and will allow the public to bring green waste to the site for chipping operations and disposal. P&J will have no further responsibility for the public DMS.

Item Initiated by: Tom Coburn
Approved by: Steve Monaghan