



# **RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_**

## **OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA**

### **RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES TO APPLY TO THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE JONES BAR FOREST RESILIENCE PROJECT (JBFRP) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,396,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES TO EXECUTE THE APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, Emergency Preparedness is an Objective of the County of Nevada Board of Supervisors with a focus on wildfire by improving countywide evacuation routes and safety, continuing to strengthen early alert and critical communication systems, partnering closely with residents and community partners in emergency preparedness, defensible space, home hardening, green waste disposal, and fire-safe land stewardship; and

WHEREAS, The Jones Bar Forest Resilience Project (JBFRP) will improve forest health and reduce catastrophic wildfire risk using climate-smart management practices across multiple private and Federal parcels in Nevada City, California; and

WHEREAS, the project area consists of a Firewise Community (Jones Bar), Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land, and three Outdoor Schools – each positioned within a priority location in Nevada County: (1) Shady Creek (within the footprint of the proposed South Yuba Rim Shaded Fuel Break); (2) Nevada City School of the Arts (within the footprint of the Lobo Fire and also in the Deer Creek watershed); and (3) the Woolman School (in the Jones Fire footprint and within the South Yuba River watershed); and

WHEREAS, Nevada County Office of Emergency Services (OES) is in a unique position to be able to increase the pace and scale of wildfire mitigation in Nevada County by leveraging a cooperative partnership with Sierra Streams Institute, a Nevada City-based nonprofit established in 1995 through the implementation of this project; and

WHEREAS, the Nevada County Office of Emergency Services in partnership with Sierra Streams Institute submitted an application to the Wildlife Conservation Board for this project on February 15, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the grant award will be brought to the County of Nevada Board of Supervisors for acceptance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada, State of California, that the Board of Supervisors hereby retroactively authorizes the Office of Emergency Services Director, to apply for and execute all application documents for the Wildlife Conservation Board Grant Program for the Jones Bar Forest Resilience Project in the amount of \$2,396,000.