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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: February 8, 2022

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Steve Monaghan – IGS-Emergency Services

SUBJECT: Resolution approving amendment 1 to the purchasing contract PESP4417 between the County of Nevada and Robinson Enterprises, Inc increasing the contract not to exceed amount from \$50,000 to \$500,000, extending the termination date from March 31, 2022 to June 30, 2022, for winter storm emergency response services of snow, vegetation removal and green waste processing, amend the Office of Emergency Services Fiscal Year 2021/22 Budget, and authorizing the Purchasing Agent to execute the amendment (4/5 affirmative vote required)

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution

FUNDING: The contract will be paid from the Office of Emergency Services FY 21/22 budget. A budget amendment is required and included for approval in the amount of \$500,000. County staff are currently working towards potential reimbursement of emergency response activities. This reimbursement, if it materializes, would cover 75% of the eligible expenditures with 25% to be paid by the County. Reimbursement may take up to two years for eligible expenditure claims.

A final funding plan for amounts not reimbursed by the State has not been finalized at this time. Many of the activities to be performed would normally be incurred in the Road Fund (1114). However, General Fund may be required to limit impacts to Road Maintenance activities. Given the urgent nature of the contract amendment, it is recommended that General Fund be used to make vendor payments, while a final funding plan is evaluated, and State reimbursement is finalized.

BACKGROUND: On December 27, 2021 in the early morning, Nevada County was hit with an intense winter snowstorm (Snowstorm) bringing excessive amounts of snow to areas that typically receive little to no snow. The Snowstorm caused over 30,000 Nevada County residents to lose PG&E utility power service with PG&E saying it could take many days for restoration. As a result of the Snow-storm hundreds of trees have been reported down across county roads, with many trees having attached utility power lines to them and there has been numerous calls for service from local residents who have had trees land on their homes.

An emergency proclamation was ratified on December 30, 2021 in an emergency Board of Supervisors meeting by Resolution 21-541. The Local Emergency Proclamation enables Nevada County to more effectively respond to the Snow-storm, seek and utilize mutual aid, obtain state and federal funds (if available), and ensure that the County's resources and economy, as well as the community at large, have all the necessary tools at their disposal to endure this ongoing challenge. The State of California declared an emergency on December 30, 2021 in support of Counties recovering from the Winter Storms.

The County entered into a contract with Robinson Enterprises, Inc effective December 28, 2021, for Winter Storm Emergency Response Services of Snow, Vegetation Removal and Green Waste Processing. To date the contractor has removed snow, vegetation, and processed green waste and worked over 600 labor hours in emergency response with a total of \$237,228 as of January 15, 2022. There remains a significant number of down trees and vegetation in County maintained roadways and within the 6-foot edge of the road which is the safety envelope. With the additional vegetation removal and green waste processing required in response to the Snow-storm declared emergency, staff recommends amending the existing contract from \$50,000 to \$500,000 to pay for the current work completed to date and the completion of the remaining work to ensure the safety of the County maintained roadways through June 30, 2022.

County staff is working with the State on the vegetation removal and green waste processing in response to the declared Snow-storm Emergency for reimbursement once the California Disaster Assistance Act is authorized. Once authorized the County will be eligible for reimbursement up to 75% of eligible expenditures with the remaining 25% to be paid by the County. As discussed in the Funding section, a final financing plan has not been determined, but in order to expedite the contract amendments, a budget amendment has been included in the Office of Emergency Services (General Fund) budget in the amount of \$500,000 for approval. Staff and Cal OES are currently in conversations regarding additional green waste efforts in response to the declared emergency which will be brought back to the Board for approval of an additional contract amendment.

Item Initiated by: Elise Strickler

Approved by: Steve Monaghan