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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: October 12, 2021

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Steve Monaghan – IGS-Emergency Management

SUBJECT: Resolution approving a renewal contract between the County of Nevada and the Fire Safe Council of Nevada County to provide fire prevention services in Nevada County in the amount of \$72,000 for the period October 12, 2021 through June 30, 2022 and authorizing the Board of Supervisors to execute the contract

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution.

FUNDING: These services will be funded from the County’s portion of Prop 172 allocations in an amount not to exceed \$72,000. These funds are included in the FY2021-22 Emergency Management budget. There is no impact on the General Fund.

BACKGROUND: The Board of Supervisors, in its commitment to reduce the risk of wildfire and the effects of wildfire on life, property, and the environment, has allocated funds to the Office of Emergency Services from the County’s Proposition 172 Public Safety revenues.

Last year, the Board of Supervisors awarded \$72,000 in Prop 172 allocation funds to the Firesafe Council of Nevada County to support wildfire prevention activities and increased community awareness. Wildfire prevention continues to be a top Board priority and major community concern. The Fire Safe Council of Nevada County is a key partner in the *Ready Nevada County* effort to prepare Nevada County residents for wildfire through defensible space resources, emergency preparedness guidance, hazardous fuels mitigation, and Firewise Community certification. These programs promote individual responsibility, personal preparedness, and an ethic of land stewardship.

To keep our citizens prepared for wildfire, it is recommended to keep the Prop 172 funding at the proposed \$72,000 level. This contract with the Fire Safe Council of Nevada County for the Fiscal Year 2021/22 in the amount of \$72,000 provides for the provision of fire prevention and education activities, such as community support via phone, email and website, Defensible Space Advisory Volunteer training, free Defensible Space Advisories, the weed wrench loan program, reflective address sign program, and more.

Item Initiated by: Paul Cummings

Approved by: Steve Monaghan