

RESOLUTION No.____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD TO SIGN THE INVITATION TO BID AND THE PURCHASING AGENT TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR 2025 VEGETATION REMOVAL, COUNTY PROJECT NUMBER 715003 - ALL DISTRICTS.

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works proposes to remove roadside vegetation along approximately 51 miles of County maintained roads; and

WHEREAS, under Section 15301(h) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, Class 1 projects consisting of the maintenance of existing landscaping, native growth, and water supply reservoirs (excluding the use of pesticides, as defined in Section 12753, Division 7, Chapter 2, Food and Agricultural Code) are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality act; and

WHEREAS, under Section 15304(i) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, Class 4 projects consisting of fuel management activities within 30 feet of structures to reduce the volume of flammable vegetation, provided that the activities will not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species or significant erosion and sedimentation of surface waters are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality act; and

WHEREAS, bidding documents have been prepared to accomplish this work; and

WHEREAS, the engineers estimate for the project is \$200,000 plus a 10% contingency of \$20,000 for an estimated cost of \$220,000; and

WHEREAS, the project is funded by Road Engineering; and

WHEREAS, work is scheduled to begin in May 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works may make any final adjustments to the bid documents as necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Nevada County Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorizes the Public Works Department to proceed with 2025 Vegetation Removal under a categorical exemption from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

2. Authorizes the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign the Invitation to Bid.

3. Authorizes the Purchasing Agent to solicit bids for the project.

4. Authorizes the Public Works Director to incorporate any final changes into the bid documents before advertising for bids.