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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: July 28, 2026

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Alex Keeble-Toll – Director of Emergency Services**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving and accepting the budget augmentation of \$50,000 for the Sierra Nevada Conservancy South Yuba Rim Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project (SNC #1512), increasing the project budget from \$214,666 to \$264,666, and directing the Auditor-Controller to amend the fiscal year 2026/27 Emergency Services budget (4/5 Affirmative Vote Required)

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Sierra Nevada Conservancy awarded \$214,666 in grant funds to the Office of Emergency Services (SNC #1512) (Res. 22-590, Res. 24-234). Per the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) the project is required to conduct cultural resource surveys. The projected costs for this activity have increased by \$50,000. On May 21, 2026, the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) approved a budget augmentation (Grant Agreement Amendment #1) increasing the project budget from \$214,666 to \$264,666. All other terms and conditions of the grant agreement (SNC #1512) were not amended and remain in full force and effect. A budget amendment in the amount of \$50,000 to increase the revenue and expenditures for the Office of Emergency Services Fiscal Year 2026/27 budget has been included for approval.

BACKGROUND: The South Yuba Rim Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project was first identified as a priority wildfire mitigation action by the CAL FIRE Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit 2022 Strategic Plan. A suite of local partners, including CAL FIRE Battalion 14, North San Juan Fire Protection District, 13 Firewise Communities, and local non-profit Yuba Watershed Institute, have also identified this project as a priority.

The purpose of this project is to conduct landscape-scale forest health treatment to reduce the unacceptable level of wildfire risk that the disadvantaged communities of North San Juan, Nevada City, Grass Valley, Penn Valley and Rough and Ready currently face. This project will complete the necessary planning for fuels mitigation on 1,800 acres of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land that is nested in and around the privately owned land included in the 6,000-acre landscape-scale planning area that is being addressed with FEMA-HMGP Grant funds (DR-4482-693-19, Phase 1; Res. 24-155, Res.24-156). Utilization of SNC funds for planning on BLM land is strategic as FEMA (federal) funds cannot be used on federal land, but SNC (state agency) funds can.

Per the National Environmental Policy Act, the project is required to complete cultural resource surveys. The projected costs for this activity have increased by \$50,000. As such, Nevada County Office of Emergency Services (OES) requested a budget augmentation that was approved by SNC on May 21, 2026 (Grant Agreement Amendment #1) to increase the project budget by \$50,000, increasing the total project budget from \$214,666 to \$264,666.

Approval and acceptance of additional project funds to increase the project budget by \$50,000 to complete the required cultural resources surveys per NEPA, is accompanied by a separate contract amendment to increase the contract with YWI to complete the NEPA-required surveys.

In all other respects, the prior grant agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

Item Initiated by: Corinne Benson, Administrative Analyst II

Approved by: Alex Keeble-Toll, Director of Emergency Services