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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD AGENDA MEMO

MEETING DATE: March 26, 2024

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Alison Lehman, County Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the contract between the County of Nevada and Litter Works for litter abatement services in parts of unincorporated East County, in the total amount of \$14,750 for the period of April 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025, and authorizing Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the contract.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution.

FUNDING: Funding is \$14,750 for the period of April 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025. The costs of this contract are included in the Recreation department budget (the budget was previously amended for the Clean Tahoe contract; those dollars have been redirected for this contract). Funding is from the Board Priorities Assignment of the General Fund.

BACKGROUND: In February 2023, Nevada County's Board of Supervisors adopted 2023 Priority Objectives that included Resolution No. SR 23-0127. This established the new objective of Climate Resilience to "Safeguard Nevada County's economic durability, environmental integrity, and public health and safety by preparing for, adapting to, and mitigating changing climate conditions in a way that reflects our rural quality of life."

Pursuant to the work needed to meet the stated objective, the Nevada County Climate Resiliency Ad-Hoc Committee identified a need for litter and debris abatement in high traffic areas of unincorporated Eastern County to preserve environmental integrity.

During summer 2023, the decision was made to sole source the litter abatement contract due to an existing contract between Clean Tahoe and our neighboring partner agencies of Placer County and the Town of Truckee. Utilizing the same vendor would have provided synergies and economies of scale.

A contract with Clean Tahoe was brought to the Board of Supervisors on August 22, 2023, and the contract was approved via Resolution No. 23-469.

Following review and approval by the Board of Supervisors, the Clean Tahoe contract was dissolved due to capacity constraints that arose with the Clean Tahoe organization.

In January 2024, Nevada County staff put out RFI No 181101, Request for Information for

East County Litter Abatement Services. Four organizations were sent the RFI, and Litter Works was the sole respondent.

Litter Works, headquartered in Truckee, CA was awarded the contract.

Litter Works was founded in 2024 and is committed to working on innovative ways to improve the chronic litter problems that plague our western states. Litter Works is a litter abatement service that aims to fill a gap between what municipalities, nonprofits and volunteers can achieve with their existing litter abatement capacity. Litter Works founder, Erik Johnson, is a former landscape design/installation/maintenance contractor.

Under the terms of the proposed contract, Litter Works will provide service in identified high impact areas located in unincorporated East County for an average of 10 service hours per month. Litter Works will have one full time employee (foreman) on task for monthly (and weekly or bi-weekly during peak times) patrol of the designated areas of Floriston, Boca/Stampede, Johnson Canyon, Donner Summit Old Hwy 40 and Hirschdale. Litter Works will allocate a larger percentage of their total hours to summer months and periods following peak visitation days. An additional part-time employee will support the efforts during peak periods.

Therefore, the County wishes to partner with Litter Works in minimizing the impacts of trash, including micro-plastics, in our natural environment.

Staff recommends the Board adopt the attached resolution approving the contract between the County of Nevada and Litter Works for one full year commencing April 1, 2024, for \$14,750 and authorizing the Chair of the Board to execute the Agreement. This contract is valid for a term of one year, through March 31, 2025.

Item Initiated by: Mandy Stewart, Administrative Analyst II
Approved by: Alison Lehman, County Executive Officer
Submittal Date: 3/11/24