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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: August 20, 2024

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Craig Griesbach – Director of Emergency Services**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the Forest Reserve Title III spending plans for Fiscal Year 2024-25 in the total amount of \$67,400, designating the North San Juan Fire Protection District, Nevada County Consolidated Fire District, and Washington Fire Department as the sole spending plan and amend the FY24/25 Forest Reserve Budget (4/5 affirmative vote required)

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution

FUNDING: The three spend plans proposed for award will be expended from the Forest Reserve Title III fiscal year 24/25 budget. The current approved fiscal year 24/25 Forest Reserve budget is \$55,000. A budget amendment of \$12,400 has been included for approval to allocate the funding for the three approved spend plans totaling \$67,400.00.

BACKGROUND: The Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (SRS Act), was enacted to provide five years of transitional assistance to rural counties affected by the decline in revenue from timber harvests on federal lands. SRS funding continued to be extended in subsequent years and has currently been funded through FY 2021-22 but at diminishing levels with significant restrictions.

North San Juan Fire Protection District is anticipating an increase in activity within the District boundaries and in outlying areas. The district recently passed “Resolution to Enhance Strategic Water Storage Throughout the NSJFPD (Resolution 22-04).” With funding, NSJFPD plans to install a second 10,000 gallon water tank which meets Nevada County Fire Safe Standards for emergency water storage.

Nevada County Consolidated Fire District is challenged with the terrain and unique challenges of Nevada County which include rope rescues, confined space, swift water, large animal, collapse, and trench rescue. With funding from the Forest Reserve Title III funds, Nevada County Consolidated Fire District proposes to attend specialized trainings which is in alignment with the goal of being typed as an OES Type III Urban Search & Rescue and a Type III Swift Water Resue entity.

Washington Fire Department is proposing a project of Education and Enforcement. With funding, WFD will implement an outreach program in which volunteers will act as “Trail Stewards” in educating the visitors on busy holiday weekends, collecting surveys, and handing out maps. The funding will also support patrol staff hours for transporting people under the influence in the Washington Fire Department side by side back to camp or to a family member. Currently the USFS officers face a lack of breathalyzers in the field and are left with the issue of what to do when there is not a sober adult to drive the vehicle.

On June 25, 2024, the Board of Supervisors tentatively approved the following projects to be funded with the FY 2024-25 Forest Reserve Title III Funds, pending public comment:

Agency	Project	FY/Amount
North San Juan Fire Protection District	10,000 gallon water storage system	FY 2024-25 \$18,000
Nevada County Consolidated Fire District	Special Operations Training	FY 2024-25 \$34,300
Washington Fire Department	Education and Enforcement	FY 2024-25 \$15,200

Item Initiated by: Courtney Personeni

Item Approved by: Craig Griesbach