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## **NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

### **Board Agenda Memo**

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**MEETING DATE:** September 14, 2021

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** **Steve Monaghan – IGS-Emergency Services**

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Nevada and the Nevada County Sheriff’s Search and Rescue to upgrade their communication devices and systems in the amount not to exceed \$319,000 for the period of September 14, 2021 through December 31, 2022, authorize the Chair of the Board to execute the MOU, and to amend the FY 21/22 Office of Emergency Services Budget (4/5 affirmative vote)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** The MOU is funded by PG&E Settlement funds received by the County of Nevada. Payments to Nevada County Sheriff’s Search and Rescue (NCSSAR) for communication upgrade project will be made from the Office of Emergency Services Budget. A budget amendment has been included for approval in the amount of \$319,000.

**BACKGROUND:** As part of past and the current Nevada County Board Objectives, the Board of Supervisors has continued to “Lead the community in all hazards planning, preparedness, response, and recovery with a focus on wildfire.” For 2021, the County’s Office of Emergency Services has an initiative to, “Increase evacuation safety programs countywide to save lives.”

In July of 2020 the County of Nevada received funds from a PG&E settlement as a result of the 2017 fires. At the 2021 Board Workshop the Nevada County Office of Emergency Services presented several projects to utilize these funds that were in alignment with the Board Objectives. One of those projects identified communications upgrade project with the Nevada County Sheriff’s Search and Rescue (NCSSAR) which the Office of Emergency Services has moved forward.

The NCSSAR has numerous specialty teams within its organization, all being trained to perform specialized and individual missions. These specialty teams participate in ongoing training that is tailored to their area of expertise. One of those specialty teams is the Evacuation Support Team. The Evacuation Support Team is

designed to provide rapid Incident Command support to any emergency incident that either requires or has the potential for initiating public evacuations on any scale. Support for these events include, but is not limited to, real-time and shared incident mapping, radio and data communications connectivity, incident documentation, mutual-aid liaison, logistical support at the incident command post and other services as required throughout the disaster.

The Nevada County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team (NCSSAR) is a local registered non-profit corporation under 501(c)(3), whose members are all registered Disaster Service Worker Volunteers. The mission of the Sheriff's Office and NCSSAR is to provide excellence in public service in partnership with our community.

The attached resolution approves the Memorandum of Understanding between the County Office of Emergency Services and Nevada County Sheriff's Search and Rescue for a communication upgrade project. This communication upgrade project will focus on purchasing 160 handheld radios to replace the current out dated equipment and additional radios to be utilized by mutual-aid personnel during an emergency, 5 "Pelican" style ruggedized cases for storage, replace and upgrade fifteen vehicle mounted mobile radios, and Radio Over Internet Protocol (ROIP) equipment to be installed at 20 locations throughout Nevada County. The total funding for this project is \$319,000 and will be paid to NCSSAR from the Nevada County Office of Emergency Services Budget. These purchases will ultimately result in enhanced and more reliable crisis communication throughout the County.

Item Initiated by: Lt. Bob Jakobs  
Approved by: Steve Monaghan