



RESOLUTION No. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE GRANT AWARD AGREEMENT WITH SOUTH YUBA RIVER CITIZENS LEAGUE (SYRCL) FOR THE RIVER AMBASSADOR PROGRAM FOR \$16,705 FUNDED BY THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Board approved the 2022 objective “To promote sustainable recreation in partnership with community providers and other jurisdictions to enhance recreational access, support public health and safety, realize economic opportunities, and preserve natural resource assets” at their regular meeting on February 8, 2022, with a specific initiative to “Identify and implement strategies to promote health and safety at river crossings, lakes, trailheads, and other high-use or high-risk areas”; and

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) is a \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus package passed by Congress and signed by President Joseph Biden on March 11, 2021 in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and associated economic challenges. ARPA included \$350 billion in State and Local Aid, which included \$65.1 billion in direct funding to counties. Based on US Treasury allocations, Nevada County has been allocated \$19,376,239 in funding; and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2021, staff brought a preliminary ARPA Expenditure Plan to the Board for direction. The plan included a recommendation to allocate 30% of ARPA funds (\$5.8M) to “Community & Economic Resiliency” projects. This included four grants programs and one loan program, including the “Outdoor Visitor Safety Fund” program, which was allotted between \$800,000-\$1 Million for improvements to major river crossings and trailheads impacted by increased visitation; and

WHEREAS, at its 2022 Board Workshop the board identified up to \$850,000 for Outdoor Recreation and Visitor Safety funds through a combination of American Rescue Plan Act funding and Transient Occupancy Tax funds; and

WHEREAS, the South Yuba River Citizen’s League River Ambassador program promotes health and safety at high-use, high-risk visitor destinations identified by the South Yuba River Safety Cohort; and

WHEREAS, an amendment to the 2022/2023 Recreation budget presented under file ID 22-0786 authorizes \$450,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funding for the Outdoor Visitor Safety Fund; and

WHEREAS, the grant award is contingent upon the adoption of the FY 22/23 County Budget; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to enter into an agreement in the amount of \$16,705 for July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors, of the County of Nevada, State of California, hereby approves in the form attached hereto, the Grant Award Agreement between the County of Nevada and South Yuba River Citizens League for the

River Ambassador Program funded by the America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for a maximum amount not exceed \$16,705, and to authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the Grant Award Agreement on behalf of the County of Nevada.

Funds to be disbursed from 1111-70102-325-0222/521520