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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: October 11, 2022

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Steve Monaghan, Chief Information Officer

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Golden State Connect Authority (GSCA) and County of Nevada regarding the construction, improvement, operation, and maintenance of broadband internet access service

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution

FUNDING: There is no funding commitment at this time.

BACKGROUND: Through previous Board approval, the County of Nevada is a member of GSCA which is a Joint Powers Authority organized and existing under Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 6500) of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code. Under that certain Golden State Connect Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, GSCA is authorized to establish and operate programs and projects to facilitate the provision and expansion of broadband internet access service in rural communities, and to acquire, construct, improve, and maintain broadband infrastructure as well as operate broadband internet access service.

GSCA proposes to finance, construct, own, and operate an open access broadband internet access service network, in the same manner as a municipal utility. A portion of the proposed network will be located within the unincorporated area of Nevada County. The Nevada County Board of Supervisors previously approved a local agency technical assistance grant application to perform the network engineering work that will determine the specific project areas.

This MOU (Attachment 1) will provide GSCA a license to construct, improve, operate, and maintain fiber-optic lines and other broadband infrastructure in Nevada County. Specific project details, areas and funding details will be brought to the Nevada County Board of Supervisors as this project moves forward.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Steve Monaghan