



RESOLUTION No. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONTRACT WITH TRUCKEE TRAILS FOUNDATION FOR THE PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW DOCUMENTS FOR THE PINES TO MINES TRAIL PROJECT IN THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF \$100,000.

WHEREAS, the Pines to Mines Trail will gain regional and national attention through its long distance, varied terrain, unique habitats, and majestic views as it connects the Town of Truckee to the City of Nevada City; and

WHEREAS, the Pines to Mines Trail will benefit economic development in both the East and West sides of Nevada County; and

WHEREAS, the impacts on County trail recreation systems has been exacerbated as a result of COVID-driven Public Health orders to avoid congregating indoors; and

WHEREAS, the Pines to Mines Trail project was spearheaded by then District V Supervisor Richard Anderson and has been a priority for a network of passionate non-profit organizations including the Bear Yuba Land Trust, Truckee Trails Foundation, Gold Country Trails Council and Bicyclists of Nevada County since the Summer of 2015; and

WHEREAS, the yet-to-be-built Pines to Mines trail connection is entirely on Tahoe National Forest land; and

WHEREAS, The Tahoe National Forest has sole authority to set the scope of and authorize a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Environmental Assessment (EA) per the NEPA Forest Services Handbook Chapter 11; and

WHEREAS, the County of Nevada desires to advance the completion of the Pines to Mines trail by funding the required Environmental Assessment and environmental studies required to meet National Environmental Policy Act and California Environmental Quality Act requirements; and

WHEREAS, in January 2020 and 2021 the Board of Supervisors during their Board Workshop discussed funding the Pines to Mines Environmental Review in the amount of \$100,000.00 as part of their Economic Development planning.

WHEREAS, on August 10, 2021, the Board of Supervisors approved (Resolution 21-363) the release of a Request for Proposals to solicit bids to provide project management for completion of a NEPA Environmental Assessment for the Pines to Mines proposed new trail section in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. The proposal included the requirement not to fund any analysis of electric bike usage on the trail with County funding; and

WHEREAS, on August 10, 2021 the Board of Supervisors approved (Resolution 21-363) the release of Economic Development Assignment General Fund Balances and amendment to the Economic Development budget in the amount of \$100,000 for this project; and

WHEREAS, the County released a Request for Proposal and two (2) proposals were received that were reviewed and scored by a panel of County staff, U.S. Forest Service staff and community members; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to hire Truckee Trails Foundation to manage and prepare the necessary environmental analysis for the Pines to Mines Trail project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Nevada County Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada, State of California that the Chair of the Board of Supervisors be and is hereby authorized to execute, on behalf of the County of Nevada, that certain Contract dated the 10th day of August, 2021, in the amount of \$100,000, by and between said County and Truckee Trails Foundation for a term of November 16th, 2021 to June 30th 2023 pertaining to the preparation of the necessary environmental documents in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Funds to be disbursed from: 0101 10902 272 1000 / 521520