



RESOLUTION No. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE GOOD NEIGHBOR AGREEMENT (FS AGREEMENT NO. 26-GN-11051700-XXX) BETWEEN THE USDA FOREST SERVICE, TAHOE NATIONAL FOREST AND THE NEVADA COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR THE EVACUATION SAFETY CORRIDOR AND PROTECTION ENHANCEMENTS (ESCAPE) COLLABORATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$158,261 FOR THE PERIOD MAY 30, 2026 TO DECEMBER 30, 2035, AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND ALL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR THE AGREEMENT AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2026/27 EMERGENCY SERVICES BUDGET (4/5 AFFIRMATIVE VOTE REQUIRED)

WHEREAS, the County of Nevada has a severe and present danger from wildfire and a significant proportion of Nevada County acreage is USDA Forest Service, Tahoe National Forest land; and

WHEREAS, the County of Nevada Office of Emergency Services (OES) and Tahoe National Forest (TNF) both have a vested interest in supporting wildfire resilient communities and landscapes in Nevada County; and

WHEREAS, OES has entered into Good Neighbor Agreements with the USDA Forest Service and the Tahoe National Forest (Res. 24-411, Res. 25-031) to increase the pace and scale of wildfire mitigation efforts on Tahoe National Forest land within Nevada County; and

WHEREAS, the Tahoe National Forest and OES have demonstrated success in multi-jurisdictional GNA frameworks that support collaborative efforts to execute authorized forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration activities; and

WHEREAS, the Evacuation Safety Corridor and Protection Enhancements (ESCAPE) GNA projects may take place throughout Nevada County on and off National Forest System (NFS) lands so long as projects primarily benefit NFS lands and their watersheds; and

WHEREAS, this agreement recognizes funding and includes the authority for work on the TNF as part of specific grant-funded projects and also provides an opportunity for the collaborative identification of additional projects with a nexus to Nevada County's 2025 Community Wildfire Protection Plan (Res. 25-064) and the 2024 Evacuation Study (File No. 24-0695); and

WHEREAS, project activities may include the removal of surface and ladder fuels, mastication, chipping, biomass removal, timber removal, hazardous tree removal, use of an air curtain incinerator, and targeted herbicide application; and

WHEREAS, this agreement provides the County of Nevada with the opportunity to administer roadside timber sales on behalf of the Tahoe National Forest and to invest any revenue gained from these sales into additional mutually agreed-upon wildfire hazard mitigation projects and projects with benefit to NFS watershed(s); and

WHEREAS, all activities shall adhere to applicable environmental compliance, including the National Environmental Policy Act on federal land for which USDA is responsible; and

WHEREAS all projects proposed for completion under this Agreement will undergo a collaborative process to ensure that both parties understand the goals and objectives of the agreed upon restoration services and all necessary rules, regulations, and policies as outlined in this agreement; and

WHEREAS, the ESCAPE GNA recognizes secured funding for three distinct projects: (1) National Forest Foundation (NFF) Direct Grant Funds in the amount of \$7,000,000 to complete 1,528 acres of treatment (Res. 26-130, SR 26-0584), (2) Sierra Nevada Conservancy funding in the amount of \$1,027,721 to complete 172 acres of treatment (Res. 25-386, SR 26-0585), and (3) \$158,261 of USFS funding for maintenance treatments (included as part of this Resolution); and

WHEREAS, all additional projects will be brought to the Board of Supervisors for approval and fund acceptance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada, State of California, approves the Good Neighbor Agreement (FS Agreement No. 26-GN-11051700-XXX) between the USDA Forest Service, Tahoe National Forest and the Nevada County Office of Emergency Services for the Evacuation Safety Corridor and Protection Enhancements (ESCAPE) Collaboration in the amount of \$158,261 for the period May 30, 2026 to December 30, 2035, authorizes the Director of Emergency Services to execute the Agreement and all documents required for the agreement, and directs the Auditor Controller to amend the fiscal year 2026/27 budget as follows:

Increase:

FD1000	CC20702	PG4141000	SC21520	\$158,261
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