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## NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### Board Agenda Memo

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**MEETING DATE:** February 8, 2022

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving a contract between the County of Nevada and Tree Pro Tree Service, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$390,000, for the period December 28, 2021 to February 28, 2022, for winter storm emergency response services of snow, vegetation removal and green waste processing, amending the Office of Emergency Services Fiscal Year 2021/22 Budget and authorizing the Purchasing Agent to execute the contract (4/5 affirmative vote required)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt the Resolution

**FUNDING:** The contract will be paid from the Office of Emergency Services FY 21/22 budget. A budget amendment is required and included for approval in the amount of \$390,000. County staff are currently working towards potential reimbursement of emergency response activities. This reimbursement, if it materializes, would cover 75% of the eligible expenditures with 25% to be paid by the County. Reimbursement may take up to two years for eligible expenditure claims.

A final funding plan for amounts not reimbursed by the State has not been finalized at this time. Many of the activities to be performed would normally be incurred in the Road Fund (1114). However, General Fund may be required to limit impacts to Road Maintenance activities. Given the urgent nature of the contract amendment, it is recommended that General Fund be used to make vendor payments, while a final funding plan is evaluated, and State reimbursement is finalized.

**BACKGROUND:** On December 27, 2021 in the early morning, Nevada County was hit with an intense winter snowstorm (Snowstorm) bringing excessive amounts of snow to areas that typically receive little to no snow. The Snowstorm caused over 30,000 Nevada County residents to lose PG&E utility power service with PG&E saying it could take many days for restoration. As a result of the Snow-storm hundreds of trees have been reported down across county roads, with many trees having attached utility power lines to them. There have also been numerous calls for service from local residents who have had trees land on their homes.

An emergency proclamation was ratified on December 30, 2021 in an emergency Board of Supervisors meeting by Resolution 21-541. The Local Emergency Proclamation enables Nevada County to more effectively respond to damage caused by the Snow-storm, seek and utilize mutual aid, obtain state and federal funds (if available), and ensure that the County's resources and economy, as well as the community at large, have all the necessary tools at their disposal to endure this ongoing challenge. The State of California also declared an emergency on December 30, 2021 in support of Counties recovering from the Winter Storms.

The County engaged Tree Pro Tree Service, Inc. on December 28, 2021 for Winter Storm Emergency Response Services of Snow, Vegetation Removal and Green Waste Processing. The County communicated with Tree Pro Tree Service, Inc. to terminate their work as of January 15, 2022. The remainder of the work necessary to maintained roadways and within the 6-foot edge of the road safety envelope will be completed by County staff and contractor support from Robinson Enterprises.

County staff is working with the State on the vegetation removal and green waste processing in response to the declared Snow-storm Emergency for reimbursement once the California Disaster Assistance Act is authorized. Once authorized the County will be eligible for reimbursement up to 75% of eligible expenditures with the remaining 25% to be paid by the County. As discussed in the Funding section, a final financing plan has not been determined, but in order to expedite the contract amendments, a budget amendment has been included in the Office of Emergency Services (General Fund) budget in the amount of \$390,000 for approval to pay Tree Pro Tree Service, Inc. for the work completed.

**Item Initiated by:** Elise Strickler

**Approved by:** Steve Monaghan