



RESOLUTION NO. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE LOWER DEER CREEK – PENN VALLEY HAZARDOUS FUELS REDUCTION PROJECT (FEMA HMGP DR-4683-1084-57) AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES TO SIGN AND FILE THE NOTICE OF DETERMINATION (NOD) FOR THE PROJECT WITH THE NEVADA COUNTY CLERK RECORDER'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, the Lower Deer Creek — Penn Valley Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project is adjacent to the Lake Wildwood community in Penn Valley, one of five communities identified in the 2024 Evacuation Study (File No. 24-0695) as the most evacuation-limited County-wide and within the 2025 Nevada County Community Wildfire Protection Plan's Highest Project Priority Areas (Res. 25-064); and

WHEREAS, on August 8, 2023 permission to apply for this grant was brought to the Board of Supervisors (Res. 23-420); and

WHEREAS, FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program awarded the grant for the Lower Deer Creek — Penn Valley Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project (HMGP DR 4683-1084-57) and these funds were accepted by the Board of Supervisors on March 25, 2025 (Res. 25-105); and

WHEREAS, environmental compliance with state and federal laws for this project must be achieved before it can move into the implementation phase; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Emergency Services has contracted with environmental consulting firms (Res. 24-043) to achieve environmental compliance in accordance with CEQA; and

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2025 the Office of Emergency Services received approval to contract with Vestra Resources, Inc. for Environmental Compliance and treatment design services for HMGP DR 4683-1084-57 (Res. 25-539); and

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2026 Vestra Resources Inc. reviewed and completed the required environmental compliance documents in an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (“IS/MND”) for the Project (HMGP DR 4683-1084-57) a copy of which is attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the IS/MND was submitted directly to affected local, regional, state, and federal agencies, and released for a 30-day public review period (SCH# 2026041377), commencing on April 28, 2026 and ending May 28, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the IS/MND analyzes all the potential environmental impacts of the proposed Project and found that no significant impacts would result from the approval of the Project; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with CEQA requirements, a Notice of Determination must be filed with the Nevada County Clerk Recorder's office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Nevada County Board of Supervisors hereby finds and determines the following:

1. Finds and determines the above recitals are true and correct.
2. Adopts the IS/MND attached hereto as Exhibit A.
3. Authorizes environmental clearance for the Lower Deer Creek — Penn Valley Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project through the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
4. Directs the Director of Emergency Services to sign and file a Notice of Determination with the Nevada County Clerk-Recorder and the California State Clearinghouse within five (5) days from the date of this action.