



RESOLUTION No. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NEVADA AND THE NEVADA COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR THE COORDINATION OF ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN A PROPOSED GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL LAND CONSERVATION PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2023 the Nevada County’s Board of Supervisors adopted its 2023 Priority Objectives that includes Climate Resilience to “Safeguard Nevada County’s economic durability, environmental integrity, and public health and safety by preparing for, adapting to, and mitigating changing climate conditions in a way that reflects our rural quality of life”; and

WHEREAS, as outlined in the 2023 Board Workshop, the Climate Resilience objective includes protecting and hardening critical infrastructure, enhancing carbon sequestration on natural and working lands, enhancing collaboration to increase community capacity and achieve climate resilience goals, pursuing funding and advocacy opportunities, and aligning strategies in a coordinated plan; and

WHEREAS, the Nevada County Resource Conservation District (DISTRICT), in partnership with County staff, has identified the Sustainable Agricultural Land Conservation Planning Grant Program (SALC) as a valuable planning tool to promote agricultural, conservation, and economic priorities in Nevada County; and

WHEREAS, DISTRICT will be seeking \$500,000 to fund the creation of an Agricultural Working Landscape Conservation Plan (AWLCP); and

WHEREAS, according to SALC guidelines, DISTRICT is not eligible to apply as a lead applicant without an established Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with their county; and

WHEREAS, DISTRICT has developed the application, will apply with support from the County expressed through a letter of support and MOU, and will oversee the grant project in cooperation with the County if awarded; and

WHEREAS, This planning grant, and resulting AWLCP will directly support board priorities of Economic Development and Climate Resilience.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada, State of California, approves the Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Nevada and the Nevada County Resource Conservation District for the coordination of roles and responsibilities in a proposed grant application for the Sustainable Agricultural Land Conservation Planning Grant Program, and authorizes the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors approves the receipt of reimbursement for County staff time, according to the MOU, if DISTRICT is awarded the SALC grant.