



**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**Board Agenda Memo**

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**MEETING DATE:** May 9, 2023

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Craig Griesbach – Office of Emergency Services

**SUBJECT:** Resolution authorizing the Nevada County Office of Emergency Services to submit a grant application to the USDA, United States Forest Service (USFS), Pacific Southwest Region, Fire and Aviation Management Grant for the Ponderosa Phase 1 Maintenance Project in the amount of \$750,000 and authorizing the Director of Office of Emergency Services to execute all additional documents required to fulfill the requirements of the grant on behalf of the County of Nevada.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** If awarded, the USDA, United States Forest Service (USFS), Pacific Southwest Region, Fire and Aviation Management Grant Program funds in the amount of \$750,000 will be received in the Office of Emergency Services budget. These funds include \$22,532 to support Office of Emergency Services staff time to manage the grant and the project and indirect costs at 10% (de minimis). A budget amendment is not required at this time and there is no additional impact on the General Fund.

**BACKGROUND:** The Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone Phase 1 Shaded Fuel Break Project was identified as a priority wildfire mitigation action by the CAL FIRE Nevada-Yuba-Placer Strategic Plan and the Nevada County Community Wildfire Protection Plan. CAL FIRE funded the Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone Phase 1 Shaded Fuel Break Project, and this work was completed on March 15, 2022. Shaded fuel breaks must receive maintenance actions every two to three years or within five years all mitigation benefit is lost.

Nevada County responded to the FY23 Federal Earmark Opportunities under the Appropriations Fund, Subcommittee on Interior and Environment: United States Forest Service – State and Private Forestry (Landscape Scale Restoration Program) on March 29,

2022 with the intent of securing funds for the Ponderosa Phase 1 Maintenance Project. The County of Nevada Office of Emergency Services request for FY23 funds was subsequently approved as Congressionally Designated Community Project Funds on March 10, 2023.

The Nevada County Office of Emergency Services has been instructed to submit a grant application to the USDA, United States Forest Service (USFS), Pacific Southwest Region, Fire and Aviation Management Grant, the federal agency administering these funds.

If awarded, acceptance of this grant will be brought to the Board of Supervisors for approval per County Policy.

**Item Initiated by:** Alex Keeble-Toll, Senior Administrative Analyst

**Approved by:** Craig Griesbach, Director, OES