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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: March 26, 2019

TO: Board of Supervisors

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

SUBJECT: Resolution approving an agreement between the County of Nevada and the Nevada County Consolidated Fire District and an amended and restated agreement with the Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire) regarding the Defensible Space Inspection Program and authorizing the Board of Supervisors to execute the agreements

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution

FUNDING: These services will be paid for from the Office of Emergency Services Fiscal Year 2018-19 budget and a budget amendment was included in the Second Consolidated Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2018-19.

BACKGROUND:

In 1988 after the 49er Fire, Nevada County and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection entered into an informal agreement to initiate a fire prevention program for Nevada County. Initially the program was funded by FEMA grant funds and later a combination of FEMA and Forest Reserve Funds.

On August 9, 2005 the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 05-366, approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Nevada and the Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection regarding the operation and management of the Fire Prevention Assistance Program (FPAP) in Nevada County to include funding the program using Proposition 172 Public Safety Funds.

On July 8, 2014 the Board of Supervisors directed staff to prepare an updated agreement reflecting enhancement and refinement to the original agreement. Staff was also directed to redirect the Planning apportionment of \$27,922 to the Office of Emergency Services (OES) and a contract with CAL FIRE for the provision of Fire Inspection/Advisory Visit services managed by OES.

On August 26, 2014 the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 14-419, approving an amendment to increase coordination between the County and CAL FIRE regarding the operation and management of the Fire Prevention Assistance Program.

The Fire Prevention Assistance Program has been re-designed as the Defensible Space Inspection (DSI) Program and is expanding coordination with Cal Fire and the Nevada County Consolidate Fire District. The County wishes to amend the Cal Fire Agreement with the major changes affecting language regarding inclusion of Nevada County Consolidated Fire District in the hiring process, uniforms, non-discrimination, records, audits and inspections, in addition to other legal additions.

The County wishes to enter into an agreement with Nevada County Consolidated Fire District (NCCFD) to encourage greater communication, cooperation, and coordination between the County, NCCFD, other local Fire Districts/Agencies, and Cal Fire. The NCCFD will provide DSI Program management for a one-year period from April 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 for consideration of providing these service the County will pay to NCCFD \$51,200.

The agreements before the Board formalizes and continues the process followed by the County and CAL FIRE since the 49er fire and brings in the Nevada County Consolidated Fire District for expanded collaboration.

Item Initiated by: John Gulserian

Approved by: Steve Monaghan