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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: August 6, 2024

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Craig Griesbach – Director of Emergency Services

SUBJECT: Informational presentation from the Nevada County Office of Emergency Services County Wildfire Coordinator and Youth Emergency Preparedness Outreach Intern regarding implementation of the 2024 Disaster Engagement Strategy and the Youth Emergency Preparedness Outreach Project to increase the level of preparedness of Nevada County youth in the case of an emergency or disaster.

RECOMMENDATION: Accept the presentation from the Nevada County Office of Emergency Services.

FUNDING: Not Applicable.

BACKGROUND: In the 2024 Disaster Engagement Strategy OES identified the need for increased youth engagement around wildfire and emergency preparedness. The Nevada County Office of Emergency Services created the Youth Emergency Preparedness Outreach Internship opportunity with the objective of helping the Office of Emergency Services develop the Youth Emergency Preparedness Outreach Project so that all members of the Nevada County community are prepared for emergency events. This position was funded by the California Fire Safe Council 2022 Wildfire CAL FIRE County Coordinator Program – Northern for the Nevada County Coordinator Grant 22-CAL FIRE-467704 (Resolution 24-198).

During their time in the Office of Emergency Services, the Youth Emergency Preparedness Outreach Intern has helped design and develop a Youth Engagement Plan for improving youth emergency preparedness. Through this internship, the intern has been introduced to a variety of professional experts and been exposed to career-building opportunities such as planning, policy development, community engagement, and



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outreach initiatives as well as designed and created their own youth focused outreach campaign.

Major accomplishments completed by the Youth Emergency Preparedness Outreach Intern included:

- Identified new and creative opportunities for the Office of Emergency Services to better engage with Nevada County youth around emergency preparedness.
- Created a shovel-ready youth-oriented emergency preparedness campaign.
- Designed youth summer safety outreach messaging.
- Completed a capstone project highlighting the importance of youth emergency preparedness.

The informational presentation from the Nevada County Office of Emergency Services Youth Emergency Preparedness Outreach Intern will discuss how the Nevada County Office of Emergency Services is working to implement the 2024 Disaster Engagement Strategy and the recommendations from the Youth Emergency Preparedness Intern to increase engagement with youth in Nevada County. Presented by Zuleyka Deniz, Youth Emergency Preparedness Outreach Intern and Alessandra Zambrano, County Wildfire Coordinator.

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

Approved by: Craig Griesbach, Director of Emergency Services