



RESOLUTION No. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY (PG&E) ELECTRIC PROGRAM INVESTMENT CHARGE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES TO EXECUTE THE GRANT AGREEMENT AND ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA AND AMENDING THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES BUDGET (4/5 AFFIRMATIVE VOTE REQUIRED)

WHEREAS, the County of Nevada is committed to advancing the 2024 Board Objectives for Climate Resiliency and Emergency Preparedness through the execution of the Biomass Pilot Project; and

WHEREAS, the Biomass Pilot Project is a collaborative effort among the Nevada County Information and General Services Agency (IGS), Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E), Mountain Enterprises, Inc., Earth Foundries, Inc., the City of Grass Valley, and the Nevada County Consolidated Fire District to reduce forest fuels and convert woody biomass into biochar; and

WHEREAS, this project aims to collect and process woody biomass into biochar using specialized mobile carbonizers, offering public benefits such as reducing woody biomass cost-effectively, lowering the local carbon footprint associated with wood management, and repurposing biochar for soil enhancement and pollution mitigation; and

WHEREAS, on October 22, 2024, the County of Nevada adopted Resolution 24-562, approving a Professional Services Agreement with Mountain F. Enterprises, Inc. for grappling truck services supporting the Biomass Pilot Project; and

WHEREAS, Mountain Enterprises, Inc. was selected as the sole-source provider for grappling truck services due to their coordination with PG&E, which funds carbonizer operations and site management, ensuring operational continuity and alignment with project timelines; and

WHEREAS, PG&E has offered a \$100,000 grant through its EPIC 3.47 initiative to support the Biomass Pilot Project, which aims to enhance wildfire resiliency, reduce fuel loads, improve safety, and deliver economic and environmental benefits, including cost savings and lower greenhouse gas emissions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada:

1. Approves the acceptance of \$100,000 in Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) grant program funds; and
2. Authorizes the Office of Emergency Services Director to execute the grant agreement and sign all related documents on behalf of Nevada County; and
3. Authorizes the Purchasing Agent to encumber the funds associated with the Mountain F. Enterprises, Inc. Professional Services Agreement, as amended to reflect increased funding; and
4. Directs the Auditor Controller to amend the FY 24-25 Office of Emergency Services Budget as follows:

Increase 0101-20702-414-1000 462400 (Grants Non-Government Agencies) \$100,000

Increase 0101-20702-414-1000 521520 (Services and Supplies) \$100,000