



RESOLUTION No. 24-638

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 grapple truck services supporting the Biomass Pilot Project; and

WHEREAS, Mountain Enterprises, Inc. was selected as the sole-source provider for grapple 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 fiscal year 2024/25 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

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada at a regular meeting of said Board, held on the 10th day of December 2024, by the following vote of said Board:

Ayes: Supervisors Heidi Hall, Edward C. Scofield, Lisa Swarthout,
Susan Hoek, and Hardy Bullock.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.


Abstain: None.

Recuse: None.

ATTEST:

TINE MATHIASSEN
Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: 


Hardy Bullock, Chair



**Pacific Gas and
Electric Company**

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October 9, 2024

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Subject: Offer of Grant for Nevada County

Pacific Gas and Electric Company ("PG&E") is pleased to offer a grant to the proposed Nevada County Community Grapple Truck program (the Program) [through PG&E's Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) 3.47 program]. We understand that the Program will enable the County to leverage their existing resources to hire grapple trucks to collect residents' tree debris.

PG&E, a subsidiary of PG&E Corporation, is an investor-owned electric and gas utility operating in the state of California, covering over 70,000 square miles and serving approximately 16 million people. PG&E has a strong interest in successfully enabling promising technologies within the PG&E service area that advance safety, reliability, affordability, and clean energy adoption.

PG&E supports the Program's overall goals to improve community wildfire resiliency in Nevada County by lessening the fuel load through the area. PG&E thus offers a \$100,000 grant from PG&E's EPIC 3.47 program to Nevada County. PG&E's commitment to this Program is limited to the financial support provided by this grant. All administrative, safety, and coordination work relating to the grant and the Program shall be the responsibility of Nevada County. The grant offer is also contingent upon the economic viability of the Program and the Program proceeding. If the Program is discontinued, PG&E expects the return of any unspent portion of this grant's funding.

PG&E's financial support for the Program is subject to your agreement that results of the Program will be available to PG&E.

In order to express your agreement to receipt of the grant under the terms described above, please countersign and return a copy of this letter. Once we have received your executed copy, we will provide the grant to the County.

We look forward to hearing of your Program's success.

Sincerely,

John Fiske

John Fiske
Director of Execution
Vegetation Wood Management,
Enterprise Vegetation Management
Pacific Gas and Electric Company

AGREED AND ACCEPTED:

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____