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**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF  
SUPERVISORS  
Board Agenda Memo**

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**MEETING DATE:** December 16, 2025

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Alex Keeble-Toll – Director of Emergency Services

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving Amendment 1 to the contract between Yuba Watershed Institute and the Nevada County Office of Emergency Services for the Sierra Nevada Conservancy South Yuba Rim Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project (SNC #1512) increasing the contract not to exceed amount by \$10,000 from \$179,201 to \$189,201, authorizing the Director of Emergency Services to execute Amendment 1 to the contract and directing the Auditor Controller to amend the fiscal year 2025/26 Emergency Services Budget. (4/5 Affirmative vote required)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** Sierra Nevada Conservancy awarded \$214,666 in grant funds to the Office of Emergency Services (OES) (SNC #1512) (Res. 22-590, Res. 24-234). OES has contracted with Yuba Watershed Institute (YWI) for the not to exceed amount of \$179,210 (Res. 24-232). To complete the required raptor surveys per the National Environmental Program Act (NEPA) the projected costs for this activity have increased by \$10,000, resulting in this request to increase the contract not to exceed amount to \$189,210. Under contract Amendment 1, the budget increase of \$10,000 will be funded from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) grant. A budget amendment has been included for approval in the amount of \$10,000 to accommodate for the increase in revenue and expense.

**BACKGROUND:** The South Yuba Rim Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project was first identified as a priority wildfire mitigation action by the CAL FIRE Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit 2022 Strategic Plan. A suite of local partners including CAL FIRE Battalion 14, North San Juan Fire Protection District, 13 Firewise Communities, and local non-profit Yuba Watershed Institute have also identified this project as a priority.

The purpose of this project is to conduct landscape-scale forest health treatment to reduce the unacceptable level of wildfire risk that the disadvantaged communities of North San Juan, Nevada City, Grass Valley, Penn Valley and Rough and Ready currently face. This project will complete the necessary planning for fuels mitigation on 1,800 acres of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land that is nested in and around the privately owned land included in the 6,000-acre landscape-scale planning area that is being addressed with FEMA-HMGP Grant funds (DR-4482-693-19, Phase 1; Res. 24-155, Res.24-156). Utilization of SNC funds for planning on BLM land is strategic as FEMA (federal) funds cannot be used on federal land but SNC (state agency) funds can.

Non-profit partner Yuba Watershed Institute is leading the FEMA-funded work (Res. 24-156) and has a long-standing relationship with BLM for wildfire mitigation actions on parcels located on the South Yuba Rim.

County of Nevada is presently requesting an increase of \$10,000 to the SNC #1512 contract with YWI to fund the required raptor survey per the National Environmental Program Act (NEPA) increasing the contract not to exceed amount from \$179,201 to \$189,201.

In all other respects the prior contract of the parties shall remain in full force and effect.

**Item Initiated by:** Corinne Benson, Administrative Analyst II

**Approved by:** Alex Keeble-Toll, Director of Emergency Services