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

MEETING DATE: May 24, 2022
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: **Trisha Tillotson, Community Development Agency
Director/Acting Public Works Director**
SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the Community Development Agency Director to apply for and enter into grant agreements with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Prevention (Cal Fire) up to a maximum amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) until December 31, 2022.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution.

FUNDING: Required budget amendments will be included in future consolidated budget amendments or earlier as required.

BACKGROUND: Nevada County has an overabundance of downed trees and vegetation as a result of the recent severe winter storm which began the morning of December 27, 2021. This abnormally high level of hazardous vegetation makes Nevada County vulnerable to wildfire during the fast-approaching fire season.

In response to the higher than usual amount of hazardous vegetation across Nevada County and along its roadways the Public Works Department has recently applied for and been awarded nine hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$950,000.00) through the California Climate Investments CAL FIRE Wildfire Prevention Grant Program. These funds will be used to carry out wildfire prevention through storm debris removal, stockpile removal, and tree removal along evacuation routes.

As the 2022 fire season approaches and the need to address hazardous vegetation management increases, the need to process future grant opportunities quickly is paramount. Authorizing the Community Development Agency Director to apply for and accept future Cal Fire hazardous vegetation grants will decrease the process time involved for County of Nevada by at least 28 days allowing potential future funds to be put to use much faster.

Item Initiated by: Joshua White, Administrative Analyst
Approved by: Trisha Tillotson, Community Development Agency Director/Acting Public Works Director

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