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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE:

TO:

Board of Supervisors

FROM:

Steve Monaghan – IGS-Emergency Services

SUBJECT:

Resolution approving Amendment No. 1 to the Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Nevada and the Nevada County Sheriff's Search and Rescue to upgrade their communication devices and systems extending the termination date to December 31, 2023 and authorizing the Chair of the Board to execute the Amendment

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: The expenditures related to the MOU are included in the Office of Emergency Services FY 22/23 Budget. A budget amendment is not needed and there is no further impact on the general fund.

BACKGROUND: On September 14, 2021 through Resolution 21-410 the Board of Supervisors approved the Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") between the County Office of Emergency Services and Nevada County Sheriff's Search and Rescue ("NCSSAR") for a communication upgrade project which includes handheld radios, mobile vehicle radios and installation, and expansion of ROIP repeater/interoperability system at 20 separate locations. The total funding for this project is \$319,000 and will be paid to NCSSAR from the Nevada County Office of Emergency Services Budget. The project will result in enhanced and more reliable crisis communication throughout the County.

The Nevada County Sheriff's Search and Rescue has made significant progress in the project. They have completed the purchase of 100 new handheld radios to replace the current outdated equipment and 60 additional radios to be utilized by mutual-aid personnel during an emergency, 5 "Pelican" style ruggedized cases for storage, and replaced and upgraded fifteen vehicle mounted mobile radios. Additionally, 13 ROIP repeaters have been installed with 7 more needing installation. Both parties wish to amend the MOU to allow for additional time to complete the purchase and installation needed for the 7 remaining ROIP repeater sites throughout the County.

The NCSSAR has numerous specialty teams within its organization, all being

trained to perform specialized and individual missions. These specialty teams participate in ongoing training that is tailored to their area of expertise. One of those specialty teams is the Evacuation Support Team. The Evacuation Support Team is designed to provide rapid Incident Command support to any emergency incident that either requires or has the potential for initiating public evacuations on any scale. Support for these events include, but is not limited to, real-time and shared incident mapping, radio and data communications connectivity, incident documentation, mutual-aid liaison, logistical support at the incident command post and other services as required throughout the disaster.

The Nevada County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team (NCSSAR) is a local registered non-profit corporation under 501(c)(3), whose members are all registered Disaster Service Worker Volunteers. The mission of the Sheriff's Office and NCSSAR is to provide excellence in public service in partnership with our community.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Craig Griesbach