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## **NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

### **Board Agenda Memo**

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**MEETING DATE:** June 12, 2018

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** **Steve Monaghan – IGS-Emergency Services**

**SUBJECT:** Resolution authorizing the Office of Emergency Services Program Manager to submit a grant application to the Department of Homeland Security for the Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program, to fund the South Yuba Canyon Emergency Needs Project in the total amount of \$86,670 for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt the Resolution

**FUNDING:** Funding will be received into the Office of Emergency Services budget for the purchase of the equipment. There is \$15,300 in matching funds and \$6,370 in In-Kind Matching Funds. It is proposed that potential grant donations received by community partners will help off-set matching funds by approximately \$7,500.

**BACKGROUND:** The Yuba River Public Safety Cohort Meetings have provided staff a unique insight to public safety needs along the Yuba River. The proposed grant will assist in mitigating many of those needs through a public safety project in the total amount of \$86,670.

The South Yuba Canyon receives approximately 1,500 visitors each day during the summer season. The visitors come to enjoy the scenic views and forested areas along the river. Many of these visitors camp along the river in nearby state and national parks. Visitors swim in the Yuba River, hike on various trails, and illegally start campfires within the area. Both Nevada County residents and visitors are made aware of the dangers in the canyon through community partners and police and fire personnel that are stationed in this area. Unfortunately, the canyon does not have cell coverage due to its remote location and is posing a public safety issue.

The South Yuba Canyon Emergency Needs Project includes: four (4) Satellite Fixed Call Boxes near hiking trails towards the canyon; two (2) Variable Message signs for public safety/ education to be deployed in the South Yuba Canyon; and five (5) Satellite Communication Devices for community partners to report emergencies.

**Item Initiated by:** John Gulserian

**Approved by:** Steve Monaghan