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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: June 26, 2018

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Steve Monaghan – IGS-Emergency Services

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the Nevada County Office of Emergency Services to submit an application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency to fund the Community Fire Mitigation Project in the total amount of \$6,523,650 for the period October 1, 2018 through May 30, 2021 and authorizing the Director of Emergency Services to execute the application.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution

FUNDING: If awarded, grant funding in the amount of \$6,523,650 will be received into the Emergency Management budget. The total match required for this grant is \$1,679,250 which includes in-kind matching.

BACKGROUND: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has created the Hazard Mitigation Program to incite proactive action to help communities reduce their losses from natural hazards. This program has been made available for communities impacted by federal emergency declarations. On February 8, 2018, the County of Nevada received Notice of Interest approval from the California Office of Emergency services to complete an identified Community Fire Mitigation Project.

The County of Nevada Community Fire Mitigation Project seeks to minimize the impacts of large wildfires and allows firefighters a safer working environment to more effectively combat catastrophic wildfires through vegetation management to reduce fire severity, intensity and rate of spread. The County of Nevada Community Fire Mitigation Project is holistic as it is comprised of FEMA approved mitigation efforts while requested actions are found in the Nevada County General Plan and our Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. The intent of this project focuses on hazardous vegetation removal. This is accomplished through a roadside vegetation management program where 317.5 miles of roadway located in high circulation and evacuation areas will undergo vegetation abatement. It is also accomplished by implementing affordable green waste disposal and defensible space programs where chipping services will treat 2,400 acres, hazardous vegetation removal around 144 homes for people identified with special needs, the addition of 12 community green waste drop vegetation collection sites, and community outreach.

Item Initiated by: David Jones

Approved by: Steve Monaghan