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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 County of Nevada Abatement Program, in the total amount of \$3,760,115 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 \$3,760,115 will be received into the Emergency Management budget. The total match required for this grant is \$940,028.75 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 April 22, 2018, the County of Nevada received Notice of Interest approval from the California Office of Emergency services to complete an identified Abatement Program.

The Abatement Program seeks to minimize the potential for large wildfires. The County of Nevada Abatement Program 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 program focuses on hazardous vegetation mitigation. This is accomplished through abatement inspections, fire hazard abatement, and community education. Inspections will focus on meeting guidelines set by California Public Resource Code 4291 and the County of Nevada Abatement Ordinance 2411 guidelines. The Abatement Program will lessen the community's financial burden through providing supplementation of fire hazard abatement costs. Community education will focus on defensible space standards, partnership programs and hazardous vegetation removal.

Item Initiated by: David Jones

Approved by: Steve Monaghan