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### **NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

#### **Board Agenda Memo**

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**MEETING DATE:** February 26, 2019

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

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

**SUBJECT:** Approve Request of Support Letter to Governor requesting funding support for State Parks Sierra District's fuels reduction treatments at Empire Mine State Historic Park, Donner Summit Memorial State Park and Malakoff Diggins State Park and immediate vegetation removal and widening along Caltrans maintained State Highways 20, 49, 89, 174, and 167.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve and send the letter to California Governor Gavin Newsom

**FUNDING:** None

**BACKGROUND:** In the County of Nevada, 92% of residents live within high to very high wildfire severity zones. Climate change and high fuel loads resulting from drought, tree mortality and decades of fire suppression have made the community vulnerable to calamitous wildfire. Empire Mine State Historic Park, Donner Summit Memorial State Park and Malakoff Diggins State Park serve as rich cultural, historical and recreational community assets. The Empire Mine State Historic Park, in particular, is located in a highly-populated, fire-prone wildland urban interface located adjacent to the significant gold rush city of Grass Valley. The attached letter of support respectfully requests that Proposition 68 funding be allocated to provide for the speedy implementation of critical fire prevention and forest health activities on these public lands.

In addition, State Highways 20 and 49, are Principal Arterial roads within the County, and State Highways 89, 174 and 267 serve as Minor Arterial roads. It is imperative that swift action be taken to ensure these Caltrans maintained roadways are made as safe as possible for first responder ingress and community egress in the event of wildfires. We request the Board of Supervisors to approve the Request of Support Letter and to send it to California Governor Gavin Newsom.

**Item Initiated by:** John Gulserian

**Approved by:** Steve Monaghan