



RESOLUTION No. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AB2766 FUNDS FROM THE NORTHERN SIERRA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (NSAQMD) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$182,153 FOR WILDFIRE MITIGATION EFFORTS INCLUDING THE GREEN WASTE DISPOSAL, CHIPPING, AND ACCESS AND FUNCTIONAL NEEDS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS TO REDUCE SMOKE IMPACTS DURING THE COVID-19 RESPIRATORY PANDEMIC AND TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2019/20 OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES BUDGET (4/5 AFFIRMATIVE VOTE REQUIRED)

WHEREAS, a Priority A of the County of Nevada Board of Supervisors is to Reduce the loss of life during a wildfire by improving evacuation routes and early warning systems; creating more defensible space around private properties and driveways, building a network of maintained fuel breaks, engaging residents in emergency preparedness and fire-safe stewardship, and enhancing critical infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Emergency Services is responsible for preparing and mitigating wildfire hazards in the County.

WHEREAS, Nevada County has an overabundance of vegetation which makes it vulnerable to wildfire for a significant portion of the year; and

WHEREAS, the high cost of removal of this vegetation remains a significant barrier for fuels reduction for many property owners; and

WHEREAS, residents may choose to dispose of their green waste by burning the material; and

WHEREAS, while burn piles may provide a cost-effective solution for processing this material, it is not an ideal means of disposal as coronavirus remains a respiratory pandemic, and COVID-19 disproportionately affects vulnerable populations with existing comorbidities; and

WHEREAS, On April 16, 2020, the NSAQMD held a special board meeting to consider expending AB2766 funds; and

WHEREAS, AB2766 funds are derived from DMV vehicle license surcharges and in large jurisdictions are utilized for equipment and activities which reduce air pollution from vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Air District policy provides rural air districts the flexibility to assess program needs and the overall air quality benefits of proposed projects and to allocate AB2766 DMV surcharges accordingly; and

WHEREAS, NSAQMD seeks to provide AB 2766 funding to Nevada County for alternatives to pile burning; and

WHEREAS, County of Nevada provides hazardous vegetation removal alternatives to pile burning in partnership with and through support to the Fire Safe Council of Nevada County for green waste disposal, chipping, and hazardous fuels removal for residents with Access and Functional Needs; and

WHEREAS, a minimum of 20% of funding will be allocated to Eastern Nevada County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada, State of California, accepts \$182,153 of AB 2766 funds from NSAQMD for wildfire mitigation efforts including the Green Waste Disposal, Chipping, and Access and Functional Needs Assistance Programs to reduce smoke impacts during the COVID-19 respiratory pandemic, and authorizes the Chair of the Board to execute Agreement No. 2021-10 with NSAQMD, and directs the Auditor Controller to amend the Fiscal Year 19/20 Office of Emergency Services budget as follows:

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