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**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo**

MEETING DATE: July 27, 2021

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Craig Griesbach, Building Director

SUBJECT: A resolution authorizing the continuance of the Nevada County Service Authority for the abatement of abandoned vehicles and the collection of a one-dollar DMV registration fee for a period of 10 years.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution extending the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program

FUNDING: Revenue from the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement (AVA) program is received in the Code Compliance program. The Fiscal Year 21/22 Code Compliance budget includes \$60,000 of revenue from the AVA program. If the program fee is not renewed, that revenue would be lost, potentially impacting the Code Compliance fund balance (Fund 1123). There is no immediate impact to the general fund, and no budget amendment is required with this Resolution.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A resolution by the City of Grass Valley adopting the DMV registration fee
- A resolution by the City of Nevada City adopting the DMV registration fee
- A resolution by the Town of Truckee adopting the DMV registration fee

BACKGROUND:

In 1990, the California State Legislature enacted legislation allowing for the creation of county-based vehicle service authorities, pursuant to the provisions of Section 22710 VC. In 1991, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors adopted a Joint Powers Agreement with the cities to form the County's Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program. This

program imposed a one-dollar annual vehicle registration fee on vehicles registered to an owner with an address in the County of Nevada.

Vehicle registration fees are collected by the Department of Motor Vehicles and allocated to the County by the State Controllers Office pursuant to Section 9250.7 VC. Fees are then allocated to each authority member on the basis of percentage of vehicles abated in relation to the total vehicles abated by the authority as a whole. The current participating entities are the County of Nevada, City of Grass Valley, City of Nevada City, and Town of Truckee.

The Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program tows on average 500 abandoned vehicles annually. Many of these vehicles are abandoned around blind corners, ditches, and other areas that put the public at immediate risk. The continued removal of these vehicles is crucial for reducing public health and safety risks and maintaining the clean, natural appearance Nevada County is known for.

The current program is set to expire on August 1, 2021. New legislation allows the local service authorities to extend the programs every 10 years with the approval of the County and a majority of the cities comprising a majority of the population of the incorporated areas. Adoption of the attached resolution is the first step towards the extension of this important program.

SUMMARY:

In summary, the County's Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program is in need of a fee approval to continue operation. This program, which includes Grass Valley, Nevada City, and the Town of Truckee, is crucial to reducing blite and maintaining public health and safety. Staff recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve the resolution adopting the fee to extend the County's Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program.

Item Initiated By: Jeff Merriman, Program Manager

Item Approved By: Craig Griesbach, Building Director

Submitted: June 3, 2021