**AGENDA ITEM:** Resolution adopting Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigated Monitoring and Reporting Program and directs Sierra Nevada Conservancy to apply for a grant for the Upper North Yuba Forest Health and Resilience fuels reduction project.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** This project is in conjunction with Sierra Nevada Conservancy, the Forest Service and Sierra County for fuels reduction from Bassetts to the Yuba Pass.

**FUNDING SOURCE:**
- **GENERAL FUND IMPACT:** No General Fund Impact
- **OTHER FUND:**
  - **AMOUNT:** $ N/A

**ARE ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL REQUIRED?**
- Yes, --
- No

**IS THIS ITEM ALLOCATED IN THE BUDGET?** Yes No

**IS A BUDGET TRANSFER REQUIRED?** Yes No

**SPACE BELOW FOR CLERK’S USE**

**BOARD ACTION:**
- Approved
- Approved as amended
- Adopted
- Adopted as amended
- Denied
- Other
- No Action Taken

- Set public hearing
  - For: ________________
- Direction to: ________________
- Referred to: ________________
- Continued to: ________________
- Authorization given to: ________________

Resolution 2018- __________
Agreement 2018- __________
Ordinance __________

Vote:
- Ayes:
- Noes:
- Abstain:
- Absent:
- ☐ By Consensus

**COMMENTS:**

**CLERK TO THE BOARD** ________________________________ **DATE** ________________________________
IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTION
OF A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND
A MITAGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM AND
APPROVAL OF GRANT APPLICATION FOR
THE UPPER NORTH YUBA FOREST HEALTH AND RESILIENCE PROJECT

RESOLUTION No.____

WHEREAS, the County of Sierra of the State of California in coordination with the United States Forest Service-Yuba River Ranger District proposes to implement a fuels reduction and forest health restoration and resilience project called The Upper North Yuba Forest Health and Resilience Project, located adjacent to State Route 49 between the community of Bassetts and Yuba Pass in unincorporated Sierra County; and

WHEREAS, to help fund and support this project Sierra County intends to apply for State grant funds through the Sierra Nevada Conservancy; and,

WHEREAS, consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and CEQA Guidelines Sections 15063 and 15074 the County has conducted an initial study to determine if the project may have a significant effect on the environment, and determined based upon the results of that initial study, including duly-noticed routing to commenting agencies and the public, and comments received, that the project as designed and with the incorporation of certain mitigation measures will not have a significant impact on the environment, and prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring Program for consideration of adoption by the Sierra County Board of Supervisors; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors during its regularly-scheduled bi-monthly meeting and a “timed item” public hearing on August 7, 2018 did carefully consider the whole record associated with the project, including both written and verbal comments received, staff’s responses to those comments and recommendation for adoption of the draft CEQA documents, with minor modification to the proposed mitigation measures, and recommendation of approval of the project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SIERRA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, that based on the presentation of evidence and testimony during public hearing, the Board finds on the basis of the whole record before it (including the initial study and any comments received), that there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment and that the Mitigated Negative Declaration, together with responses to comments presented by staff, reflects the lead agency’s independent judgment and analysis; and the Board hereby adopts the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring Program for the Upper North Yuba Forest Health and Resilience Project, as presented by staff and together with minor modifications to certain mitigation measures as presented in the record of proceedings and on file in the Sierra County Planning Department; and further finds that the amendments or substitutions of certain mitigation measures presented by
staff in the record of proceedings and incorporated into the final Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring Program are equivalent or more effective in mitigating or avoiding potential significant effects and that the amendments or substitutions are minor in nature and will not in themselves cause any potentially significant effects on the environment, and because the new mitigation measures have been made a condition of approval and have been incorporated into the project approval, recirculation of the Mitigated Negative Declaration is not necessary or required. Staff is hereby directed to file a Notice of Determination with the Sierra County Clerk-Recorder pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15075.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Sierra County Board of Supervisors approves the proposed project and hereby directs staff to file a grant application with the Sierra Nevada Conservancy and to work cooperatively with the United States Forest Service to support and carry out the project.

**ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** of the County of Sierra on the 7th day of August 2018 by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

COUNTY OF SIERRA

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Scott Schleifstein, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Heather Foster
Clerk of the Board

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David Prentice
County Counsel