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Nevada County Determines Fire Safe Council is a High-Risk Vendor

Nevada City, CA – The Nevada County Office of Emergency Services is not moving forward with new contracts with the Fire Safe Council of Nevada County at this time.

Nevada County Auditor-Controller Gina Will agrees with Nevada County Office of Emergency Services' assessment of Fire Safe Council of Nevada County as a high-risk vendor. This decision follows a thorough review of the vendor's performance, compliance with contractual obligations, and adherence with sound business practices.

"Fire Safe Council is an important partner in wildfire safety for our community, but to safeguard public funds the risks cannot be ignored," said Auditor-Controller Gina Will.

The Auditor-Controller is an independent elected office responsible for managing risk and preserving public assets. As the chief accounting officer of the county, the Auditor-Controller is responsible for budget control, disbursements and receipts, and financial reporting. The office carefully reviews invoice submissions and contract management for all vendors.

"The County recognizes the importance of having an effective Fire Safe Council in our community and wants the organization to be successful, working hand in hand to create a productive and efficient contractual relationship," said Board Chair Hardy Bullock.

"Fire Safe Council is encouraged to come into good standing with the County, apply to be listed as a qualified vendor and to compete for contracts," said Will.

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