



**RESOLUTION NO. 15-503**

**OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA**

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA CERTIFYING THE ADEQUACY OF THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE HOUSING ELEMENT REZONE PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT (SCH NO. 2009072070) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS CONCERNING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS, MITIGATION MEASURES AND ALTERNATIVES TO THE PROJECT, ADOPTING A MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM AND ADOPTING A STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS, IN CONNECTION WITH APPROVAL OF THE SITE SPECIFIC GENERAL PLAN AND ZONING DISTRICT MAP AMENDMENTS CONTEMPLATED BY THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2010, the Board of Supervisors adopted the Nevada County 2009-2014 Housing Element update (Resolution 10-202) which contained two Programs that required the County to rezone sufficient lands to accommodate for an unmet Regional Housing Need of 1,270-units; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2010, the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development certified the Nevada County 2009-2014 Housing Element update finding the County must complete the required rezoning by August 30, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the County of Nevada is the Lead Agency pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21067, as it has principal and legislative authority to approve General Plan Land Use Map and Zoning District Map amendments; and

WHEREAS, based on the nature of the Project, including the potential for new significant environmental impacts as a result of the proposed Project, the County determined that an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was required for the Project foregoing the preparation of individual site specific initial study documents; and

WHEREAS, after going through the Request for Proposal process, the County exercised its independent judgment in accordance with Public Resources Code Section 20182.1(c), in retaining the independent consulting firm RBF Consulting to prepare the Final Environmental Impact Report, and RBF Consulting prepared the Final EIR under the supervision and direction of the Planning Department and Community Development agency; and

WHEREAS, on September 21, 2012, the County, as Lead Agency, published a Notice of Preparation (NOP) of an EIR for the proposed Project; and

WHEREAS, the NOP provided notice of the County's determination, and solicited public input on the proposed scope and content of the EIR for the proposed Project; and