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Honorable Board of Supervisors
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DATE OF MEETING: February 14, 2017

SUBJECT: 2017 Board Objectives and Legislative Priorities

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Resolution

FUNDING: N/A

BACKGROUND: The Board at their January 2017 workshop reviewed the 2016 Objectives and Legislative Priorities and created the Board's 2017 Objectives and Legislative Priorities. The list of objectives includes generally prioritized objectives at levels A, B and C. "A" indicating the highest priority and "C", indicating a lower priority. The objectives are as follows:

Priority A

- Maintain County's financial stability and core services in light of economic conditions.
- Prioritize the implementation of existing County policies and programs to reduce the risk of wildfire and the effects of wildfire on life, property and the environment. Continue active leadership of participation on the local Tree Mortality Task Force to coordinate emergency protective actions, and monitor ongoing conditions, secure state funding to address the vast tree mortality issue to reduce fire hazard and promote forest health and watershed.
- Explore strategies and funding options to improve and expand emergency shelters, particularly to move toward 24/7 program operations, while researching opportunities to facilitate development of the Housing Element rezone sites throughout the County by partnering with other jurisdictions, potential developers and the Housing Authority.
- Support an inclusive community stakeholder process to develop a long term County cannabis cultivation ordinance.

- Review current AB 1600 Recreation Impact Fees and commission a new study for the purpose of providing funding and meeting the needs for recreational improvements to serve new development and encourage all entities to consider collaboration/consolidation into one western county regional park and recreation operation.

Priority B

- Increase and improve public awareness and civic engagement through educational information programs.
- Support job-enhancing economic development efforts where appropriate.
- Work with RCRC, CSAC and Nevada County legislative advocates to identify and seek Cap and Trade funds that can be applied for by Nevada County.
- Evaluate the options and feasibility of establishing a Business License process in the County.

Priority C

- Explore economic development options for the current yard (Lot 6) when vacated which may include Airport expansion, commercial development and/or other best use opportunities.
- Work with our legislative advocates to introduce flexibility with rural counties in the housing element policy. Create opportunities for additional workforce and senior housing units.
- Assist water agencies as requested during this drought as appropriate.

Included in the proposed legislative platform are the Board's top legislative priorities and State budget priorities. The Legislative Priorities document includes a listing County sponsored proposals by department. These proposals represent specific changes that the County is seeking in the current legislative session.

The Board's Legislative Priorities will be actively pursued and submitted to our legislative advocates at the State and Federal level in order to address the County's most critical needs. Department Association interests included in the Legislative Priorities will be fully advocated for by County agency directors during 2017.

Attached for your approval is the resolution adopting the 2017 Board Objectives and Legislative Priorities for Nevada County.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Richard A. Haffey, County Executive Officer

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