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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: January 10, 2017

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Steve Monaghan – IGS-Emergency Management

SUBJECT: Resolution recognizing the Continuing Proclamation of a Local Emergency in Nevada County Due to Extreme Tree Mortality

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Continuing Resolution

FUNDING: The potential fiscal impact is unknown at this time. The California Disaster Assistance Act may fund up to 75 percent of eligible response costs.

BACKGROUND:

In accordance with Government Code Section 8630(c), the local governing body will review and continue the Proclamation of Emergency every thirty days until terminated.

The State of California and Nevada County are experiencing record drought conditions which have persisted over the last five years. The drought has stressed trees to a point where they are susceptible to bark beetle infestations which have caused vast tree mortality throughout many regions in the County. This mass die-off of trees is creating a public hazard impacting citizens and both public and private infrastructure. The tree die-off will continue to occur until conditions improve. Nevada County has reached a point where tree mortality is creating conditions of extreme wildland fire danger which will only worsen over the next few years.

The Working Group has met twice since the September Disaster Proclamation. In December of 2015, the State Tree Mortality Task Force Leader presented information concerning the overall State Tree Mortality issues to the County Working Group. We are working very closely with CalFire to inventory trees within the County. Volunteers and County staff are being utilized to complete this inventory.

Included in the Resolution is Board approval for the Director of Emergency Services, Steve Monaghan, to sign Right of Entry (ROE) forms as required. Under the California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) and Cal OES requirements is to have a ROE prior to doing any work that may be on private property. If Nevada County does not use a ROE Agreement for any activity on private property that activity would be an ineligible cost under CDAA funding.

Item Initiated by: John Gulserian

Approved by: Steve Monaghan