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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: December 5, 2023

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Craig Griesbach – Office of Emergency Services**

SUBJECT: Informational presentation from the Nevada County Office of Emergency Services, CAL FIRE, Nevada County Sheriff's Office, and National Weather Service regarding winter weather planning and preparedness.

RECOMMENDATION: Accept the presentation.

FUNDING: N/A

BACKGROUND: The last several winters in Nevada County brought severe weather including atmospheric river events, damaging winds, significant snowfall at high and low elevations, and flooding. These weather events caused substantial damage to infrastructure, buildings, and both public and private properties. The significant weather events resulted in debris flows, downed trees, and power lines that left thousands of County residents without power and communications for extended periods of time. Local, state, and federal emergency proclamations have resulted from these winter storm events.

Over the last two winter seasons the Nevada County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has been activated for a total of 40 days accounting for 81% of the total EOC activations the last two years. A lot has been learned by our County, city and town teams, partners, first responders, and the community at large from these winter seasons. This has resulted in advances in planning/preparation, improved community messaging, and implementation of additional tools that will allow our entire community to be more resilient in the face of future major weather events. As we move into this winter season, we need to continue to be diligent and prepared as a community.

Item Initiated & Approved by: Craig Griesbach, Director of Emergency Services