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SUMMARY MINUTES - Final

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Thursday, December 30, 2021	2:00 PM	Remote Meeting Eric Rood Administrative Center 950 Maidu Avenue Nevada City, California

SPECIAL MEETING: 2:00 P.M.

Rollcall

The following Supervisors attended by remote:

Ed Scofield, 2nd District

Dan Miller, 3rd District

Susan Hoek, 4th District

Hardy Bullock, 5th District

The following Supervisor absent (excused):

Heidi Hall, 1st District

STANDING ORDERS:

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m..

The Pledge of Allegiance was held.

Corrections and/or deletions to agenda.

ACTION TAKEN: Public viewing options were clarified to include YouTube.

DEPARTMENT HEAD MATTER:

1. [SR 22-0022](#) Resolution proclaiming a local emergency in Nevada County due to the effects of the December snow-storm. (Emergency Services)

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 21-541

ACTION TAKEN: Chair Miller read the following information into the record:

Nevada County was one of the first counties in the State of California to declare a local emergency due to the extreme weather. The Board has delegated authority to Nevada County Director of Emergency Services, Steve Monaghan, to declare emergencies. The emergency must then be ratified by the Board of Supervisors within seven days, which is the purpose for today's special meeting. The emergency declaration provides assistance in several areas: mutual assistance from out of county; faster and stream-lined procurement of goods and supplies; activation of disaster workers; and possible reimbursement from the State and Federal governments if they also declare an emergency. Additionally, the County is required to declare the emergency first in order for Cities to declare. Both Grass Valley and Nevada City will be declaring their own local emergencies.

Due to technical difficulties resulting from the power outages, Chair Miller called for a short break.

Following the technical break, Chair Miller called the meeting back into order.

Steve Monaghan, Chief Information Officer (CIO), was joined by Paul Cummings, Office of Emergency Services (OES) Program Manager, Lieutenant Sean Scales, and Brandon Sanders, Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) representative. CIO Monaghan reiterated that the Board has previously authorized him to declare local emergencies within the County of Nevada, and explained that within a period of seven days the Board must ratify the declaration. This is the purpose of today's meeting.

OES Program Manager Cummings noted that because of the audio issues experienced during Chair Miller's introduction, he repeated the information provided earlier for the public. The recent low-snow event severely impacted western Nevada County. The County's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) opened on Monday morning at full activation to address the immediate and emerging needs throughout the County.

The EOC will remain open for as long as there are unmet needs and widespread power outages within the community. The same day that the EOC opened, the County activated its Disaster Service Workers (DSW), who immediately pivoted from their regular duties to staff the County's warming shelters, participate in snow clearing, provide assistance with the plotting and marking of hazards, and transport of residents in need. The EOC has been actively working with County partners 211 and FREED to identify and address the County's unmet needs. He reminded the public to dial 911 in an emergency, or 211 if they are experiencing unmet needs. On Monday, County staff activated overnight warming shelters at the Madelyn Helling Library and Bear River School for residents needing to get out of the cold.

Staff has made mutual aid requests from the State of California Office of Emergency Services, and have received a grader, and a generator (to provide power for the Madelyn Helling warming shelter) from nearby counties. OES has requested the State of California declare a state of emergency in Nevada County, which will continue to expedite the flow of resources into the community. Calfire, PG&E, and Nevada County Public Works have created a task force to collaboratively and safely clear roads of power lines, trees, power poles and snow. While it is still unclear to the public which roads are safe and clear, staff is working with the County's Geographical Information System (GIS) to identify the damage and blocked roads in order to consolidate the information for PG&E and the public. Also available is a public website provided by YubaNet, where members of the public can report damage. This information is updated live, enabling County staff to address issues. This website has been incredibly useful, and the information gathered has been merged into the County's reporting system. OES Program Manager Cummings shared the County's Dashboard, which provides information regarding County power outages, damage, and hazards. PG&E is using the Dashboard to assist them in determining what it will take to get safe access for residents; get assistance into those areas; and get the areas re-energized.

Brandon Sanders provided an update on PG&E's response to the emergency. Initially, over 29,000 customers in Nevada County were without power; as of today (December 30, 2021), that number is down to approximately 18,000. Today PG&E was able to get helicopters into the air, which allows them to expedite their assessment process. In addition, they have resources coming in from other areas in the PG&E territory and other western states. PG&E's Local Emergency Operations Center has been activated in their Auburn regional office, along with an additional Incident Commander operating out of the Grass Valley yard, focused entirely on Nevada County. He asked the public to treat the PG&E's workers kindly; many of them live within the community and they are working hard in very difficult conditions to restore power for Nevada County residents.

OES Program Manager Cummings concluded the presentation, stressing that they are working tirelessly to address community needs in coordination with Nevada County's partners. They are doing everything they can to protect the community and expedite the recovery.

Board questioning and discussion ensued.

Chair Miller read written public comments received from members of the public into the record, and explained that County facilities in western County were closed due to the power outages and lack of heat.

Supervisor Hoek provided final comments, requesting the community practice safety when using generators, and to look out for their neighbors.

MOTION: Motion made by Supervisor Scofield, and seconded by Supervisor Hoek, to adopt Resolution 21-541, proclaiming a Local Emergency in Nevada County due to the effects of the December snow-storm. On a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously. (Supervisor Hall - excused absence.)

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Miller adjourned the meeting at 2:34 p.m.

Signature and Attestation

Susan K. Hoek, Chair

ATTEST:

By:

Julie Patterson Hunter, Clerk of the Board