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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: May 8, 2018

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Steve Monaghan – IGS-Emergency Management

SUBJECT: Resolution to terminate the Proclamation of a Local Emergency in Nevada County Due to the Wind Complex Fires and related evacuations in the affected communities for the County of Nevada and amending the FY 2017-2018 Office of Emergency Services budget (4/5 Affirmative Vote Required).

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution

FUNDING: The potential fiscal impact is unknown at this time. The California Disaster Assistance Act and FEMA may fund 93.75% or more of eligible FEMA response and recovery costs of the total County claim amount of \$139,209. Expenditures in the amount of \$48,971 were paid from the Office of Emergency Services (OES) FY 2017-2018 budget. FEMA reimbursements to the County are still pending. To ensure that OES will be able to pay budgeted expenditures in the current year, a budget amendment is being requested.

BACKGROUND: On October 10, 2017, the Board of Supervisors declared a local state of emergency due to the Wind Complex Fires. The Governor issued a State disaster emergency declaration for Nevada County on October 9, 2017. The President issued a federal disaster emergency declaration on October 11, 2017. Nevada County lost 40 structures, including 29 homes, due to the Wind Complex- Lobo and McCourtney fires.

The fires have caused damage and destruction of homes and buildings resulting in evacuations. On October 9, 2017, at approximately 2:00 a.m., Nevada County commenced emergency services and opened its emergency shelters to provide food, shelter, emergency supplies, social services, medical attention, and transportation for evacuees and their animals to address the supplies and other services as needed to address the complex and rapidly changing circumstances to individuals displaced by the emergency evacuations.

On October 10, 2017, by Resolution 17-516, the Board of Supervisors County of Nevada proclaimed the existence of a local emergency due to the Wind Complex Fires and related evacuations pursuant to Government Code section 5630(a). Debris removal from the fires due to the hazardous nature of ash and burned materials became a priority and State and Federal resources were required to effectively clean impacted sites to a “pre-fire” condition. State debris removal teams started clean up and mitigation measures in November and all thirty-five affected properties have now been certified clean.

The effects of this local emergency are now deemed to be within the control and resources of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of Nevada County and Staff recommends that the County's Wind Complex Fires Proclamation be terminated.

Item Initiated by: John Gulserian
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