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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
Eric Rood Administrative Center
County Of Nevada
Nevada City, CA 95959

DATE OF MEETING: April 22, 2014

SUBJECT: Introduction of an Ordinance adding a "Hazardous Vegetation Abatement" section to the County General Code.

RECOMMENDATION: Introduce and waive further reading of the attached Ordinance Adding Article 7 to the Nevada County General Code Regarding "Hazardous Vegetation Abatement".

FUNDING: N/A

BACKGROUND: At the January 2014 Board Workshop, your Board gave staff direction to draft Ordinance language that would give local fire districts, and Cal Fire additional tools to provide improved parcel defensible space through hazardous vegetation removal.

The attached draft Ordinance language would apply only to unimproved parcels located adjacent to improved parcels or adjacent to roadways that are determined to be necessary for safe ingress and egress. Further, the Ordinance would apply only to property located adjacent to parcels developed for residential purposes and that are five (5) acres or less in size.

The draft Ordinance provides mechanisms for inspections, notices, enforcement, and abatement as well as recovery of abatement costs. These procedures would be undertaken by the Fire Districts or by Cal Fire as necessary. The Ordinance also provides for the issuance of administrative and/or criminal citations, in lieu of abatement, at the discretion of the local Fire Chief or Cal Fire.

This Ordinance is intended to create uniform standards for the enforcement of hazardous vegetation removal on unimproved parcels without County enforcement activities.

Attached is correspondence received from interested parties prior to the printing of this report. Any additional correspondence received will be distributed under separate cover.

Please contact me if additional information is required.

Sincerely,

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CDA Director

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