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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: March 13, 2018

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Steve Monaghan – IGS-Emergency Management

SUBJECT: Resolution Continuing the Proclamation of a Local Emergency in Nevada County Due to the Wind Complex Fires and related evacuations in the affected communities and requesting that the Governor continue to maintain a State of Emergency for the County of Nevada.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution

FUNDING: The potential fiscal impact is unknown at this time. The California Disaster Assistance Act and FEMA may fund up to 96 percent of eligible FEMA response and recovery costs.

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 is a priority due to the hazardous nature of ash and burned materials. State and Federal resources will be required to effectively clean impacted sites to a “pre-fire” condition. State debris removal teams are scheduled to start clean up and mitigation measures by mid-November.

The effects of this local emergency is likely to continue to be beyond the control, capacity, and resources of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of Nevada County and Staff recommends that the County’s Wind Complex Fires Proclamation be continued for at least thirty (30) days. Thirty-one out of thirty-five affected properties have been certified clean. This continued Declaration will allow for the cooperation and assistance from state and local agencies and the Nevada County Emergency Services Department until the remaining properties are certified clean.

Item Initiated by: John Gulserian
Approved by: Steve Monaghan