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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: September 12, 2017

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Steve Monaghan – IGS-Emergency Management

SUBJECT: Resolution Continuing Proclamation of a Local
Emergency in Nevada County Due to Extreme Tree
Mortality resulting in extreme levels of combustible fuels
and the severe threat of wildfires.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Continuing Resolution

FUNDING: The potential fiscal impact is unknown at this time. The California
Disaster Assistance Act may fund up to 75 percent of eligible response costs.

BACKGROUND:

In accordance with Government Code Section 8630(c), the local governing body
will review and continue the Proclamation of Emergency every thirty days until
terminated.

The State of California and Nevada County experienced record drought conditions
which have persisted over the last five years. The drought has stressed trees to a
point where they are susceptible to bark beetle infestations which have caused vast
tree mortality throughout many regions in the County. This mass die-off of trees is
creating a public hazard impacting citizens and both public and private
infrastructure. The tree die-off will continue to occur until conditions improve.
Nevada County has reached a point where tree mortality is creating conditions of
extreme wildland fire danger which will only worsen over the next few years.

Nevada County OES attended a Cal OES Tree Mortality Workshop which
provided information on the current situation and best practice and response
strategies. At the workshop it was mentioned that we may be at the peak of the
Bark Beetle infestation and hopefully that this year's rainfall will have helped to
improve things. Public Works and Facilities Management continue to monitor for
dead trees. Impact to the Nevada County public infrastructure has been minimal at
this time but may increase throughout the summer especially as we continue
through Fire Season

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