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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: April 12, 2022

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Steve Monaghan, Chief Information Officer

SUBJECT: Joint County of Nevada / County of Placer, letter to California Governor's Office of Emergency Services - California Disaster Assistance Act Reimbursement Request for 2021 Winter Storms

RECOMMENDATION: Approve and authorize the Chair to sign and submit the attached letter to the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services requesting California Disaster Assistance Act Reimbursement for costs incurred during the 2021 Winter Storms.

FUNDING: None.

BACKGROUND:

On December 30th, 2021 the Nevada County Board of Supervisors along with the State of California proclaimed an emergency in response to an intense winter snow-storm which brought excessive amounts of snow to areas that typically receive little to no snow on the morning of December 27th 2021. While no lives were lost, this emergency drove approximately 1,000 Nevada County residents to shelters in search of housing, warmth, or electrical power over a two-week period. In the aftermath of the storm hundreds of calls for assistance were received by 211 from residents reporting blocked roadways as well as damage to infrastructure and homes. Over 270 miles of publicly maintained roads required clearing due to the imminent fire and life safety hazards on primary wildfire ingress and egress routes. The County of Nevada and its local agencies have documented almost \$10 million in response and recovery costs, including an estimated \$5 million to clear downed trees from public roads and right of ways.

County of Nevada requested California Disaster Assistant Act (CDAA) reimbursement for storm recovery related costs from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) the first week of January, 2022 just days after the winter storms took place. If approved, the County of Nevada could receive reimbursement of response and recovery costs of up to 75% of those costs, offsetting the majority of general fund dollars already committed to storm related response. The



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County of Placer Board of Supervisors is scheduled to approve the attached joint county letter on April 19th, 2022 addressed to the Director of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services urging him to expedite the approval of CDAA reimbursement for both counties for response and recovery costs. County of Nevada's Office of Emergency Services has been in consistent communication with California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) since January; however, no time estimate on reimbursement approval has been offered.

Item Initiated by: Josh White

Approved by: Steve Monaghan