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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: May 10, 2016

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Steve Monaghan – IGS – Office of Emergency Services**

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the Chair of The Board of Supervisors to sign the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) Mutual Agreement Page.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution.

FUNDING: N/A

BACKGROUND: Residents of Nevada County along with government officials, the Fire Safe Council of Nevada County, and Fire Department personnel have joined together to proactively update the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) for Nevada County approved in 2009.

A CWPP can help a community clarify and refine its priorities for the protection of life, property and critical infrastructure in the wildland-urban interface. Communities that have a CWPP in place will be given priority for funding hazardous fuels reduction projects carried out under the auspices of the Healthy Forest Restoration Act (HFRA).

The CWPP does not contain regulatory guidance but is a plan that prioritizes the concerns of the community to protect human life, private property, and essential infrastructure from a wildfire.

The CWPP for Nevada County meets the minimum requirements as described in the HFRA. These requirements include:

1. **Collaboration:** CWPP must be collaboratively developed by local and state government representatives, in consultation with federal agencies and other interested parties.
2. **Prioritized Fuel Reduction:** Identifying and prioritizing areas for hazardous fuel reduction treatments and recommend the types and methods of treatment.

3. Treatment of Structural Ignitability: Recommending measures that homeowners and communities can take to reduce ignitability of structures throughout the areas addressed by the plan.

The HFRA also requires that three entities must mutually agree to the final contents of a CWPP:

- The applicable local government (i.e., counties or cities)
- The local fire department(s)
- The state entity responsible for forest management

Item Initiated by: Vic Ferrera

Approved by: Steve Monaghan