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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: October 25, 2016

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Steve Monaghan – IGS-Emergency Management**

SUBJECT: Resolution to Proclaim a Local Emergency in Nevada County Due to Extreme Tree Mortality

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the 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: The State of California and Nevada County are experiencing 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.

A Working Group will be created of local, state and federal stakeholders to coordinate efforts in mitigating the impacts of the vast tree mortality issues within the County.

Item Initiated by: John Gulserian

Approved by: Steve Monaghan