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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: December 17, 2019

TO: **Board of Supervisors**

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

SUBJECT: Resolution terminating the declaration of a local emergency in Nevada County due to recurrent public safety power shut offs in response to extreme weather conditions resulting in unprecedented wind events and high fire danger in Nevada County

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution

FUNDING: N/A.

BACKGROUND: On October 27, 2019, Governor Gavin Newsom Proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in California due to extremely dangerous fire weather resulting in the de-energization of power lines known as a "Public Safety Power Shutoff" ("PSPS"). Due to extreme weather conditions resulting in unprecedented wind events and recurrent high fire danger, on or about October 9, 2019, PG&E began implementing a series of Public Safety Power Shutoffs, including the most recent PSPS initiated on October 29, 2019, affecting multiple counties in the Northern California, including most of Western Nevada County and portions of the greater Truckee area. The effects of the PSPS events on the control, capacity, and resources of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of Nevada County and due to the aforesaid conditions of extreme peril, caused the Director of Emergency Services proclaimed a local emergency as of October 29, 2019.

On November 5, 2019, this Board ratified the Local Emergency Declaration per Resolution No. 19-588 and proclaimed that the Local Emergency shall be renewed and deemed to continue to exist as provided by state law or until its termination is proclaimed. As the conditions of the Public Safety Power Shut Off events have diminished it is requested that the County's Emergency Declaration terminate at this time.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Steve Monaghan