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## **NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

### **Board Agenda Memo**

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**MEETING DATE:** February 13, 2018

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

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

**SUBJECT:** Motion to authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to submit a letter to the State of California Governor and OES Director outlining the legislative assistance required to address the ongoing threat of wildfires to Yuba, Butte, and Nevada counties.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Pass a motion for the Board Chair to sign the accompanying letter and send it to Governor Brown.

**FUNDING:** There is no fiscal impact.

**BACKGROUND:** October 2017 saw two concurrent wildfires in our County, as well as other regional fires in Yuba and Butte counties that together comprised the Wind Complex event. While tragically 28 families lost their homes, the County was very fortunate that the fires were stopped and did not escalate into what could have very easily become an exponentially worst scenario. It's just a matter of time before we are faced with another local wildfire with similar catastrophic potential.

Together with Yuba and Butte counties, this letter to Governor Brown and OES Director Ghilarducci explains the great impact catastrophic wildfires had and the current risk they present to our three counties. In addition, the letter outlines the legislative assistance that our rural counties need from the State to effectively address this ongoing threat to our forests, lives and property of our residents.

Yuba County has drafted the letter from Nevada, Yuba, and Butte Counties for the Board Chair to sign. We have also attached a similar letter from Sonoma, Napa, Mendocino, and Lake Counties as a sample. We recommend that the Board pass a motion to approve the letter.

**Item Initiated by:** Steve Monaghan

**Approved by:** Steve Monaghan