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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: July 11, 2017

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Steve Monaghan – IGS-Emergency Management

SUBJECT: Resolution recognizing the Continuing Proclamation of a Local Emergency in Nevada County Due to Extreme Tree Mortality

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Continuing 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:

In accordance with Government Code Section 8630(c), the local governing body will review and continue the Proclamation of Emergency every thirty days until terminated.

The State of California and Nevada County experienced 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.

Nevada County OES attended a Cal OES Tree Mortality Workshop which provided information on the current situation and best practice and response strategies. At the workshop it was mentioned that we may be at the peak of the Bark Beetle infestation and hopefully that this year's rainfall will have helped to improve things. Public Works and Facilities Management continue to monitor for dead trees. Impact to the Nevada County public infrastructure has been minimal at this time but may increase throughout the summer especially as we are now entering Fire Season and extreme heat conditions are in the forecast.

Item Initiated by: John Gulserian

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