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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Britt Ferguson for Nancy Watt - County Executive Officer  
County Executive Office  
**REPORT BY:** Britt Ferguson, Assistant County Executive Officer, 253-4406  
**SUBJECT:** Letter to Governor Requesting Presidential Disaster Declaration

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

County Executive Officer/Director of Emergency Services requests authorization for the Chair to send a letter to the Governor asking him to request that the President declare a major disaster in the County for both Public Assistance and Individual Assistance.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Based on the County's recommendation, on January 2nd the Governor declared a state of emergency in Napa and six other counties. The Governor has the option of asking the President to declare a major disaster in those counties, which would provide additional financial assistance to the local governments and to the residents and businesses in the affected counties.

A request to the President is entirely at the Governor's discretion and the County has no formal role in that process. However, staff believes it may be beneficial for your Board to convey to the Governor that Napa County would like him to request a Presidential disaster declaration.

A letter to that effect is attached.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?                      No

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of

Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

### **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

In response to a request from Napa County, on January 2nd, the Governor proclaimed a state of emergency in Napa and six other counties. As a result of this proclamation, State assistance will be made available to the County and other local government agencies to help fund the repair of damaged facilities and infrastructure.

The Governor, at his discretion, can also request that the President declare a major disaster in the County, which could make available additional financial assistance, both for local agencies (called Public Assistance) and for individual homeowners and businesses (called Individual Assistance).

The decision to request a Presidential declaration is entirely the Governor's; the County has no official role. However, staff believes it may be beneficial for your Board to advise the Governor that Napa County supports a request for a Presidential disaster declaration.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

A . Letter to Governor

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Britt Ferguson