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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

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County Executive Office

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SUBJECT: Review and continue Local Health Emergency for the 2017 Napa Fire Complex

RECOMMENDATION

County Executive Officer requests the Board review and continue the Local Health Emergency which began on October 13, 2017 related to the 2017 Napa Fire Complex.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On October 8, 2017, the Napa County Executive Officer proclaimed the existence of a local emergency due to fires at various locations in Napa County (2017 Napa Fire Complex). This action was ratified by the Board of Supervisors on October 10, 2017. Conditions of the 2017 Napa Fire Complex have also created and are continuing to create debris which may be or which may become hazardous waste and a threat to public health. The threat to public health creates the immediate need to facilitate assistance and undertake preventive measures to protect the health of people and the environment. The declaration of local health emergency enables additional State resources to be deployed to these efforts.

California Health and Safety Code 101080 confers upon the local health officer emergency powers necessary to protect public health and safety. By proclamation and declaration on October 13, 2017, Dr. Karen Relucio, the Napa County Public Health Officer, proclaimed the existence of a local health emergency due to the hazardous waste and materials created by the 2017 Napa Fire Complex.

On October 19, 2017, the Board adopted a resolution ratifying and continuing the local health emergency declared by Dr. Relucio, on October 13, 2017. Efforts continue to address the existence or possible existence of hazardous waste debris from the 2017 Napa Fire Complex. It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors continue the proclamation of local health emergency for an additional 14 days as damage continues to be assessed and recovery efforts progress.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	No
What is the revenue source?	Due to the declaration of local emergency, the County may be eligible for funding to mitigate emergency activities.
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Mandatory
Is the general fund affected?	Yes
Future fiscal impact:	The emergency declaration is assumed to be a one-time event, but dependent on the amount of time for activities related to the emergency the duration of the event may extend past this fiscal year. If this occurs, staff will budget accordingly next fiscal year.
Consequences if not approved:	If the local health emergency does not continue, the County may not be able to obtain Federal and/or State funds/resources to provide public and individual assistance possibly made available.
Additional Information:	

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

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The potential for the upcoming rainy season offers little time to mitigate further environmental contamination, including contamination of the watershed, and, therefore time is of the essence in removing hazardous waste and materials from various property sites.

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Whenever a local health emergency is declared by a local health officer pursuant to California Health and Safety Code 101080, the board of supervisors shall review, at least every 14 days until the local health emergency is terminated, the need for continuing the local health emergency and shall proclaim the termination of the local health emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant the termination. It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors continue the proclamation of local health emergency for an additional 14 days as damage continues to be assessed and recovery efforts progress.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Ben Guerrieri