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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Adopt a Resolution Approving the Napa County Road and Street Standards

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Planning, Building and Environmental Services and County Fire Chief request adoption of a resolution approving the Napa County Road and Street Standards that was certified by the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection on November 2, 2016.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Board of Supervisors (Board) adopted the Napa County Road and Street Standards (RSS) on January 26, 2016, that incorporated the latest version of the Fire Safe Regulation (FSR) approved by the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (SBOF). This action was taken to allow the County to retain local control of private road development within the state regulated areas (SRA) for fire protection. Additionally, the Board directed staff to modify the RSS and obtain certification from the SBOF.

Staff modified the RSS with input from a stakeholder group in the community. Staff held meetings with the stakeholders on February 10th, April 7th and September 27th. Staff presented the modified RSS to the Board for tentative approval and direction to submit the RSS to the SBOF for certification on May 10th, June 7th and October 4th. The SBOF certified that Napa County's various ordinances and the RSS meet or exceed the minimum standards of the State Fire Safe Regulations on November 2, 2016, and staff recommends that the Board formally adopt the certified RSS at today's meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") under the General Rule because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the proposed action may have a significant effect on the environment and therefore CEQA is not applicable. [See Guidelines For the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act, 14 CCR 15061(b)(3).]

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

On January 26, 2016, the Board of Supervisors (Board) adopted Resolution 2016-06 which incorporated the newly revised Fires Safe Regulations (FSR) approved by the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (SBOF). This action was taken by the Board to retain local control of private road development within the State Regulated Area (SRA) for fire protection. Additionally, the Board directed staff to revise the Napa County Road and Street Standards (RSS) and obtain certification of the RSS and various Napa County ordinances and policies from the SBOF as to meeting the same overall practical effect as the FSR.

Staff modified the RSS and Fire Marshal Policy in cooperation with interested stakeholders within the community. Staff held three meetings with the stakeholders on February 10, 2016, April 7, 2016, and September 27, 2016 during the development process to modify the RSS. Staff brought the modified RSS and all affected ordinances and policies to the Board on May 10, 2016, June 7, 2016 and October 4, 2016, to present any changes, obtain tentative approval of the RSS and all affected ordinances and policies through resolution, and to receive direction from the Board to submit the RSS and the affected ordinances and policies to the SBOF for certification

On November 2, 2016, the SBOF certified the that Napa County's RSS and the affected ordinances and policies meet or exceed the FSR. Staff is presenting everything that was certified to the Board today for formal adoption to establish the effective date. The Director and Fire Chief recommend the Board approve the proposed resolution to formally adopt the RSS.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- A . Resolution
- B . Road and Street Standards_Tracked Changes
- C . Road and Street Standards_Clean
- D . Fire Marshal Development Guidelines

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi