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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Steven Lederer - Director of Public Works  
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**SUBJECT:** District Engineer requests the Governing Board confirm an emergency situation still exists due to damage caused by the 2020 LNU Lighting Complex Fire, requiring immediate action to repair NBRID water and wastewater facilities (4/5 vote required)

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

District Engineer requests the Governing Board confirm an emergency situation still exists due to damage caused by the 2020 LNU Lighting Complex Fire, requiring immediate action to repair NBRID water and wastewater facilities. (4/5 vote required)

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

On September 15, 2020, the Governing Board determined an emergency situation exists at NBRID water and wastewater facilities due to damage caused by the 2020 LNU Lightning Complex Fire. Under State law, the Governing Board must review the emergency action at every regularly scheduled meeting thereafter until the Governing Board determines the emergency situation no longer exists. This action will confirm the emergency situation continues to exist at NBRID facilities, requiring immediate action to repair the facilities and provide water and wastewater services to residents.

### **FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	No
What is the revenue source?	NBRID Operations and Maintenance Budget (Fund 5240), including the use of available fund balance as needed. Additional funding

	source will be pursued as applicable.
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	Repairs to the water system are necessary to provide safe and reliable potable water to local residents. Repairs to the wastewater system are necessary to safely collect, treat, and dispose of wastewater generated by local residents.
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	No future impacts are expected should reimbursement for fire response and recovery projects be made available through insurance or CalOES/FEMA. Immediate impacts possible due to limited availability of O&M revenue and available fund balance.
Consequences if not approved:	NBRID may not be able to regain/maintain compliance with regulatory permits as related to treating and providing potable water to residents, and collecting, treating and disposing of wastewater as required.
County Strategic Plan pillar addressed:	
Additional Information:	

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: This action is statutorily exempt from CEQA as authorizing repairs to facilities damaged by a disaster during a state of emergency declared by the Governor, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15269, and categorically exempt as authorizing repairs to existing facilities pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15301.

### **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

California Public Contract Code section 22050 provides that in an emergency, a public agency may take immediate action to repair or replace a public facility without advertising for competitive bids, if approved by a 4/5 vote of its governing body. If approved, the governing body must review the emergency action at every regularly scheduled meeting thereafter (but no more often than every 2 weeks) until the governing body determines the emergency situation no longer exists.

On September 15, 2020, the Governing Board of NBRID determined an emergency situation existed due to damage caused by the 2020 LNU Lightning Complex Fire, authorizing immediate action to repair or replace NBRID water and wastewater facilities. The emergency action must now be reviewed by the Governing Board at this regularly scheduled meeting. The District Engineer recommends the Governing Board determine an emergency situation continues to exist, as emergency repairs are ongoing at NBRID facilities.

The District has repaired wastewater sprayfield piping and nozzles to reactivate three (3) disposal zones. Sprayfield Zone 4 is irreparable and will have to be reconstructed in entirety. Multiple water leaks due to hydraulic stress on water mains and services fighting the fire have been repaired. Three (3) Pressure Reducing Valve Stations in the water distribution system have been overhauled since the fire. Over 100 homes had their sewer laterals plugged to prevent rainwater inundating the sewer collection system and treatment plant. Water meters were pulled from burned properties to prevent backflow of potential contaminants entering the water system.

Debris clean-up is underway. A centrifugal pump from the District's water treatment plant is in the custody of a vendor for rebuild scope of work. An inline turbine pump used for land disposal and evaporation has been repaired at the wastewater ponds site. Overall, fire damage to the water and sewer utilities are 95 percent restored and fully functional.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Susan Kuss