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Napa County Legislative Subcommittee Board Agenda Letter

TO: Napa County Legislative Subcommittee
FROM: REBECCA CRAIG for Minh Tran - County Executive Officer
County Executive Office
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SUBJECT: Special Presentation

RECOMMENDATION

County Executive Officer requests the Subcommittee receive a presentation by Jessica Morse, Deputy Secretary of Forest Resource Management regarding state budget issues related to wildfire prevention and vegetation management.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Jessica Morse is the Deputy Secretary of Forest Resource Management in the California Natural Resources Agency. She has been invited to discuss budget issues related to wildfire prevention and vegetation management.

Note: Confirmation of attendance is pending.

FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

County Strategic Plan pillar addressed:

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

Jessica Morse joined the California Natural Resources Agency in April 2019. As the Deputy Secretary for Forest Resources Management, she is working to increase the pace and scale of science-based forest management to restore healthy forests, improve watershed health, protect California's unique ecosystems and make Californians wildfire resilient. Before joining Governor Newsom's administration, Jessica spent nearly ten years in National Security working for the Defense Department, State Department, and the U.S. Agency for International Development. Her assignments included a year and a half in Iraq and tours in India, Myanmar, and US Pacific Command. In 2018, Morse ran for U.S. Congress in California's 4th Congressional District in the Sierra Nevada region. Jessica is a fifth generation Northern Californian. She and her family still own and manage their original homestead forestland in the Sierra foothills. An avid backpacker, Jessica has hiked over 500 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail. Jessica holds a Masters of Public Affairs from Princeton University and a Bachelor of Arts in economics from Principia College.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Minh Tran