

**AGENDA REQUEST AND SUMMARY**

For: October 6, 2015 (Date of Board Meeting)  
10:30 a.m. (Time, if appointment scheduled with the Clerk)

Consent Calendar: Yes  No

- 1. WORDING FOR AGENDA (Include precise wording for required action, authorizing, etc. as it will appear on the Board Agenda, generally not to exceed 20 words).

Presentation and comments regarding the National Disaster Resilience Competition Application.

- 2. FINANCING-ESTIMATED COUNTY COST: (Enter "none" if no cost)

- 3. FUNDS BUDGETED: N/A Acct. # or Fund \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Requested From \_\_\_\_\_

- 4. REVIEWED WITH:

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER YES  NO \_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTY COUNSEL YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_  
ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST YES  NO \_\_\_\_\_  
OTHER DEPARTMENTS (List) YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

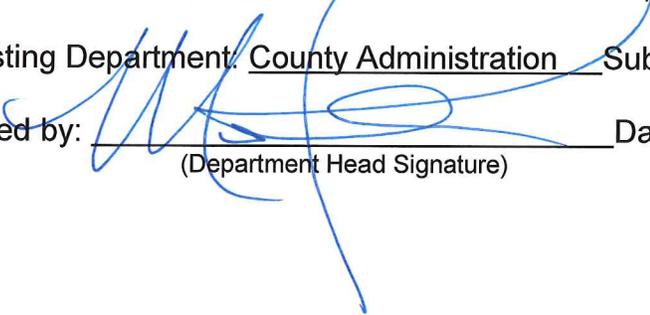
- 5. THE FOLLOWING OUTSIDE AGENCIES OR INDIVIDUALS TO BE NOTIFIED OF BOARD ACTION: (Minute Excerpt – Include complete mailing address and indicate number of copies to whom)

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.

- 6. Number OF COPIES REQUIRED BY REQUESTING DEPARTMENT: (Indicate Minute Excerpt, Resolution, Agreement, etc.)

- 7. COMMENTS (i.e. has this item come before the Board previously and when?):

Requesting Department: County Administration Submitted by: Maureen Frank

Approved by:  Date: September 25, 2015  
(Department Head Signature)

**Special Instructions:**

Original Agenda Request and 1 copy of Backup stapled for the Clerk  
Agenda Request and Backup: 8 Copies paper clipped and three hole punched  
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Revised: 8/03



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September 25, 2015

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Craig L. Pedro, County Administrator  
Maureen Frank, Deputy County Administrator

SUBJECT: Status Report and Comments Regarding the National Disaster Resilience Competition Application

### **Background**

December 2014, Tuolumne County was notified by Housing and Urban Development (HCD) and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, that Tuolumne County had been selected as the one candidate the State of California was endorsing to move forward with a Phase I National Disaster Resilience Competition (NDRC) application.

Since this time, a core NDRC Team was created to work on the application. The core team included the following people: Louise Bedsworth, Governor's Office of Planning and Research; Susan Naramore, Thomas Bandeberry and Lisa Bates, HCD; Ashley Conrad-Saydah, CalEPA's; Helge Eng, CalFire; Clare Long, Barbara Drake and Scott Tangenberg, U.S.F.S; and Maureen Frank, Tuolumne County.

In Phase I, the NDRC core team met several times to pull information together that addressed the following items:

- Rim Fire event and its impact on Tuolumne County;
- Identified targeted areas and unmet needs as a result of the Rim Fire;
- Defined resiliency and type of projects the State was looking at pursuing in Phase II, if selected.

The Phase I NDRC application was finalized and submitted to Housing and Urban Development (HUD) March 2015 for review and ranking. In late June, the State was notified that California along with 39 other States and municipalities were selected to move on to submit a Phase II NDRC application. The core NDRC Members has been extremely busy this summer with the preparation of this next phase of the application. Specifically they have:

- Engaged the community and held public meetings;
- Developed and distributed a call for potential NDRC projects;
- Hired GCR Consulting to assist in the preparation of the application;

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- Reviewed 140 potential NDRC projects and gathered further information;
- Toured the Rim Fire area and potential project sites;
- Refined all of the information received and honing in on the goals and objectives of the Phase II application.

The goal of the core NDRC Team was to create a competitive, comprehensive and well thought out application. HUD will be scoring this Phase II application based on the following criteria:

- Applications that tie to an eligible disaster;
- Project submissions that address unmet needs resulting from a qualifying disaster and must prepare communities to face future disasters in changing climate conditions;
- Dynamic proposals that are innovative, science-based, scalable and replicable, forward-looking and provide multiple benefits;
- The integration of the impacts of climate change and the importance of developing resiliency based on sound science;
- Engagement of stakeholders throughout the process;
- Leverage investments from public, private and philanthropic sectors.

The State has decided for the NDRC Phase II application to focus on creating a more resilient framework for addressing rural community resiliency, forest and watershed health. While the focus of this application is Tuolumne County, it is the State's hope to develop a model for strengthening forest and watershed health across California and the Western United States.

The name of the State NDRC program is "Community and Watershed Resilience Program". Under this program there are three main pillars in which NDRC projects fall. The three pillars consist of the following:

1. Community Resilience Centers (Tuolumne and Groveland) - \$39 million (Estimate)
2. Biomass Generation Facility & Wood Products Campus- \$20 million (Estimate)
3. Forest and Watershed Health- \$37 million
  - Biomass Removal
  - Reforestation and Restoration
  - Strategic Fuel Breaks

In October, the NDRC Team will hold local and regional meetings to solicit input on this Phase II application. The application will be finalized and submitted to HUD by October 27<sup>th</sup>. HUD anticipates notifying entities of award by January 2016.

Staff is respectfully requesting your Board's comment regarding this NDRC application. State and County staff will be in attendance to answer any further questions you have on either the NDRC process or the application.

**Recommendation**

No action is required.