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Description of Project:

The South Lakeport Regional Water Resiliency & Fire Protection Project (Project) is a cooperative intergovernmental effort between the City of Lakeport and County of Lake. This Project proposes to extend City of Lakeport municipal water service to a currently unserved County of Lake jurisdictional corridor along South Main Street to Soda Bay Road, terminating at Manning Creek, and includes a crucial loop line going west under Highway 29 to connect with an existing main on Parallel Drive. Spanning approximately 8,000 linear feet of water main, 58 two-inch services, 16 hydrants, and 4 fire services, this Project aims to significantly enhance regional water infrastructure and resiliency. This project presents future opportunities for interties with the Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians Tribe and County of Lake Special Districts, setting the stage for a consolidated and robust regional water system.

Existing Conditions and Benefits:

The Project area currently maintains six (6) non-transient water systems that serve key local businesses; Mendo Mill, Howling Dog Café, Jack in the Box, Rotten Robbie, Lakeport Theatre, and Jitterbean. The Project area is situated in a high fire severity zone with existing infrastructure lacking capacity for effective fire suppression. The proposed Project will transition this area from reliance on individual wells and inadequate non-transient systems to a reliable and readily available municipal water service, improving both fire safety response and public health by ensuring clean, safe drinking water. This is critical as the Project area includes high-risk locations such as the Lake County Transfer Station & Recycling Center, propane companies, and large industrial areas, where the risk of fire is elevated.

Strategic Alignment:

The Project aligns with the upcoming County of Lake South Main Street Rehabilitation project. The County of Lake South Main / Soda Bay Road Corridor rehabilitation project is scheduled for completion within three years and coincides with the proposed Project area, ensuring integration and minimized disruptions. The City of Lakeport is nearing completion of design and engineering work for the critical loop line, which represents a substantial portion of the overall Project, highlighting the city's commitment and investment towards Project success. Altogether this Project will enhance public safety through improved fire suppression systems and address public health concerns by

providing a stable, safe water source for existing and future commercial activities. By doing so, it will ensure a resilient, healthy, and economically vibrant South Lakeport, laying the groundwork for future enhancements and regional integration.