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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Carol J. Huchingson, County Administrative Officer

**DATE:** May 23, 2017

**SUBJECT:** Public Hearing to Consider Approving Application for Funding for the Anderson Springs Septic to Sewer Project under the 2016 Butte and Valley Wildfire Recovery Disaster Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

During the public hearing of May 9, 2017, regarding the availability of funds from the CDBG Valley Wildfire Recovery Disaster NOFA, the Board directed staff and the contractor to prepare an application for funding for the Anderson Springs Septic to Sewer project. This project is a priority for these funds. Prior to submitting the application, CDBG regulations require that a public hearing be held to present specific information as follows:

- 1) Explanation of the CDBG Project or Program to be funded;
- 2) Explanation of the Project or Program Budget;
- 3) Approval of the Application by Resolution.

#### **Project Description:**

The Valley Fire destroyed nearly all the homes in the Anderson Springs community. In the aftermath of the fire, the foundations of the destroyed homes were removed, destroying the preexisting septic tanks and leach fields. The onsite treatment systems are unusable. The preexisting septic tanks and leach fields are no longer acceptable under current wastewater treatment and disposal requirements. Therefore, as a direct result of the fire, there is a need to replace the old destroyed individual systems with one system that meets State, regional, and local requirements, in order for the community to rebuild.

The technology selected to replace the old septic systems is called a Grinder Pump Pressure System and consists of individual pump stations on each of the residential properties with grinder pumps that convey the raw sewage into a community collection system. The collection system will be connected

to the Middletown Waste Water Treatment Plant, by way of a 4 inch main pipe, for treatment and then reinjection into the Geysers Steam field.

The National Objective: CDBG funded projects must meet at least one of three national objectives. This project meets the urgent community development need objective.

Eligible Activity: The project is a community public infrastructure improvement project, without which, the homes destroyed in the Valley Fire cannot be rebuilt. The CDBG funding is necessary to fill a gap in the total project funding.

*\*The CDBG Funding Application with all supporting documents is available for review in the County Administrative Office.*

**FISCAL IMPACT:**    ☒ None    ☐ Budgeted    ☐ Non-Budgeted

Estimated Cost: \$1,994,263

Amount Budgeted: \$1,994,263

Additional Requested: \$0

Annual Cost (if planned for future years):

**FISCAL IMPACT (Narrative):**

The total project cost is \$10,518,395. There are three funding sources; the USDA will provide \$1,123,132, HCD/CDBG will provide \$1,994,263, and the SWRCB will provide \$7,401,000. There is no County match requirement. This is a reimbursable grant. The County will be reimbursed after it provides proof of payment to HCD for grant expenditures.

**STAFFING IMPACT (if applicable):**

A consultant has been hired to apply for the grant, but county staff will administer the grant and comply with all CDBG reporting requirements.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

We recommend submittal of the application for CDBG funds by Resolution for the Anderson Springs Septic to Sewer project.