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MEMORANDUM

TO: Jeff Smith, Chairman, Board of Supervisors

FROM: Brian Martin, Sheriff/Coroner

DATE: November 7, 2017

SUBJECT: (a) Consideration of Continuation of a Proclamation of a Declaration of a Local Emergency due to Wildfire Conditions, pertaining to the Rocky, Jerusalem and Valley Fires; and

(b) Update on Valley Fire Debris Insurance Collection Project.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

(a) As your Board is aware, in the afternoon of July 29, 2015 the Rocky Fire began in the area of Morgan Valley Road and continued for several weeks. This prompted the activation of the Lake OES Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and Matt Perry, County Administrative Officer/OED Director (retired) declared a Local Emergency on July 31, 2015. On August 4, 2015, your Board ratified the declaration by Resolution no. 2015-107, confirming the existence of such emergency. The dangers of this year's fire season continued on Sunday, August 9, 2015, when the Jerusalem Fire broke out, and your Board amended the declaration of a local emergency on August 18, 2015, to include the Jerusalem Fire, by Resolution no. 2015-109. On the afternoon of September 12, 2015, the Valley Fire began. This again prompted the activation of the EOC and Matt Perry County Administrative Office/OES Director (retired) declared a Local Emergency that evening. This was ratified by your Board on September 15, 2015 by Resolution no. 2015-128.

As the County seeks funding and performs recovery operations related to tree removal and other fire recovery projects for the Rocky, Jerusalem, and Valley Fires, it is advisable that we continue the declaration of an emergency to support the fire recovery process.

This declaration needs to be re-considered and confirmed by your Board once every 30 days to stay in effect.

- (b) As your Board is aware, the Administrative Office is actively engaged in the Valley Fire debris and tree insurance collection project. This mandated project is expected to go on for quite some time, given the scope of the collections process.

Staff is requesting an opportunity to update your Board immediately following each Continuation of Proclamation of a Local Emergency due to Wildfire Conditions, pertaining to the Rocky, Jerusalem and Valley Fires.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: (a) Consideration of Continuation of a Proclamation of a Declaration of a Local Emergency due to Wildfire Conditions, pertaining to the Rocky, Jerusalem and Valley Fires; and (b) Update on Valley Fire Debris Insurance Collection Project.