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MEMORANDUM

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FROM: Gary Pace, M.D., Interim Public Health Officer

DATE: August 7, 2018

SUBJECT: Consideration of the Continuation of a Proclamation of a Local Health Emergency by the Lake County Health Officer due to the Pawnee Fire Incident

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Pawnee fire is 100% contained as of July 8, 2018. While, removal of hazardous materials and remediation of burned properties is in progress, it is early in the process, such that only a portion of ash and other hazardous, or potentially hazardous materials has been removed. Further, although the threat of additional fire damage to structures in impacted areas is reduced, it is not absent. Families have re-entered burned areas that may pose both acute and chronic health risks as well as threats to the environment if timely and appropriate clean-up efforts are not supported.

Continuing the Proclamation of a Local Health Emergency by the County Health Officer, which was initiated on June 23, 2018, serves to enable assistance from state and federal agencies and provides for streamlined procedures, which are essential for the health and safety of the communities impacted by the other recent fires. Therefore, it is recommended that the Proclamation of a Local Health Emergency by the Lake County Health Officer for the Pawnee Fire last updated on July 24, 2018 be extended for an additional two-week period of time.

Your approval is requested and recommended. Thank you.

FISCAL IMPACT: ☒ None ☐ Budgeted ☐ Non-Budgeted
Estimated Cost:
Amount Budgeted:
Additional Requested:
Annual Cost (if planned for future years):

FISCAL IMPACT (Narrative): None

STAFFING IMPACT (if applicable): None

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Dr. Gary Pace, as the Interim County Public Health Officer has reviewed and agrees with the continuation and therefore respectfully requests that your Board continue the Proclamation of a Local Health Emergency by the Lake County Health Officer due to the Pawnee Fire Incident