



Legislation Text

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Memorandum

Date: April 7, 2020

To: The Honorable Moke Simon, Chair, Lake County Board of Supervisors

From: Rob Brown, District 5 Supervisor

Subject: Consideration of (a) Update on Benefit Zone Requirements, (b) Shortening abatement requirements for necessary fuel reduction, (c) Public notifications of the need for property owners to ramp up reduction of hazardous vegetation, and (d) Reinforcement and confirmation of the definition of Essential Worker to include Vegetation Services, Tree Maintenance, Landscapers, Gardeners and Property Managers

Executive Summary: (include fiscal and staffing impact narrative):

In light of the COVID-19 crisis and likely overlap with the impending wildland fire season, on our April 7, 2020 agenda, I am requesting our Board consider the following:

- (a) Update on Benefit Zone efforts
- (b) Shorten abatement requirements for necessary fuel reduction
- (c) Public notifications of the need for property owners to ramp up reduction of hazardous vegetation.
- (d) Reinforce and confirm the definition of Essential Worker to include Vegetation Services, Tree Maintenance, Landscapers, Gardeners and Property Managers.

We all know the level of resources that are needed during a wildland fire and/or a PSPS. Given our current situation, with the very likely potential of COVID-19 in Lake County, we would be hard pressed to deal with an additional and avoidable disaster such as a wildland fire. We need to, more than ever, reduce that possibility and I am asking the Board to consider any action possible that would further the reduction to that risk.

If not budgeted, fill in the blanks below only:

Estimated Cost: _____ Amount Budgeted: _____ Additional Requested: _____ Future Annual Cost: _____

Consistency with Vision 2028 and/or Fiscal Crisis Management Plan (check all that apply):

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Well-being of Residents | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure | <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic Development | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disaster Recovery | <input type="checkbox"/> County Workforce | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology Upgrades |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Collaboration | <input type="checkbox"/> Business Process Efficiency | <input type="checkbox"/> Clear Lake | <input type="checkbox"/> Revenue Generation |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Cost Savings |

If request for exemption from competitive bid in accordance with County Code Chapter 2 Sec. 2-38, fill in blanks below:

Which exemption is being requested?

How long has Agreement been in place?

When was purchase last rebid?

Reason for request to waive bid?

Recommended Action: Direction to staff.