



Legislation Text

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Memorandum

Date: July 21, 2020

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

From: Carol J. Huchingson, County Administrative Officer

Subject: Consideration of Letter of Opposition to SB 474 (Stern)

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

Staff was recently informed that both the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) and the California Association for Local Economic Development have voiced strong opposition of SB 474, introduced by State Senator Henry Stern.

As written, SB 474 would prohibit all retail, commercial, industrial and/or residential development in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones (VHFHSZ) and State Responsibility Areas (SRA), as determined by the Director and State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection. Much of Lake County falls into one or both of these designations, as demonstrated by this map:
<https://egis.fire.ca.gov/FHSZ/>

Implications of this bill are considerable for rural areas, including Lake County. As an illustration, were SB 474 law today, the Guenoc Valley Mixed Use Planned Development Project would not be possible. Instead of the genuine and realistic excitement that is mounting in South County, Lake County would be facing yet another public policy-driven setback.

Staff strongly recommends your Board approve the attached Letter, and authorize the Chair to sign.

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 type="checkbox"/> Well-being of Residents | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure | <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Development | <input 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: Approve Letter of Opposition to SB 474 (Stern)