



Legislation Text

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Memorandum

Date: July 27, 2021

To: The Honorable Lake County Board of Supervisors

From: Bruno Sabatier, Chair and District 2 Supervisor

Subject: Consideration of an Urgency Ordinance Requiring Land Use Applicants to Provide Enhanced Water Analysis During a Declared Drought Emergency

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

The Planning Commission is given a difficult task to deal with many applications that have been working their way through a rigorous process to be considered eventually in their meetings. During these meetings, water has become, rightfully so, a more sensitive subject matter due to our drought conditions. The Planning Commission has requested the board's assistance verbally multiple times on direction and guidance during these hard and difficult times where economic development and the urgent need to conserve water seem to be clashing.

In the many planning commission meetings that I've observed, including the appeals that we have heard here at the Board of Supervisors, often times only well reports are provided. Well reports do not provide any scientific review on the impacts that the project may have and offer little to no information to allow our staff to analyze the cumulative impact these projects may have on the surrounding area.

I offer an urgency ordinance that provides guidance to our Community Development staff that a hydrology report is required for all projects during the duration of our drought emergency declaration and that the applicants draft a drought management plan on how to take part in our community in conserving water in comparison to pursue the full potential of their projects. This would impact all projects as water is part of all projects currently being reviewed.

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 checked="" 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: Adopt urgency ordinance providing greater details to the planning commission regarding water use for project considerations.