



**County Fire Department
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA DATE: October 30, 2018

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
County Counsel Sign-Off	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONTACT PERSON: Steven Murch, ASO PHONE: 559-802-9800				

SUBJECT: Tulare County's Local Assistance for Tree Mortality Program Report

REQUEST(S):
That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Receive a presentation by the Tulare County Fire Department, regarding the Local Assistance for Tree Morality Program; and
2. Authorize the Fire Chief to hire ten (10) additional Extra Help Seasonal Firefighters; and
3. Authorize the Fire Chief, or his designee, to procure Tree Mortality project related training, tools, equipment, and personal protective gear in an amount not to exceed \$55,000; and
4. Authorize the Fire Chief to begin discussions with the CAO for the Capital Asset purchase of two (2) Ford F250's in the amount of \$45,000 each and one (1) Wood Chipper in the amount of \$120,000 and return to the Board at a later date for approval of the recommended actions; and
5. Approve the necessary budget adjustments, per the attached AUD 308 (4/5ths vote required).

SUMMARY:
In February 6, 2018 the Board approved the Fire Departments participation in the Local Assistance for Tree Mortality Grant Program. Tulare County and other

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Southern Sierra regions is currently faced with a large scale forest die-off as the result of drought and pine-bark beetle infestation, commonly known as "Tree Mortality". Tulare County continues to be the County with one of the highest number of dead and dying trees in California.

The Fire Department has successfully implemented the Local Area Tree Mortality program over the last eight (8) months and have removed over 4,500 trees at a cost of \$160,593 or \$35 per tree. Tree Mortality project areas include Parker Pass and Ponderosa.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Board of Supervisors receive this presentation by the Fire Department regarding the Local Area Tree Mortality Program Report.


FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There will be no Net County Cost with this agenda item. All expenses will be incurred before December 2019 to facilitate cost reimbursement to be processed by the California Disaster Assistance Act and Local Area Tree Mortality program before the Local Area Tree Mortality program grant expires on January 31, 2020. The salary and benefits and the ancillary project equipment will be recorded under the respective expenditure and revenue lines as indicated on the attached AUD 308.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's five-year strategic plan includes the Safety and Security initiative. This action helps provide for the safety and security of the public by reducing hazardous fuels and increasing the protection of public infrastructure in the urban wild land interface.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



Charlie Norman
Fire Chief

Cc: Auditor-Controller
County Counsel/Risk
County Administrative Office (2)

Attachment(s):

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF TULARE COUNTY'S) Resolution No. _____
LOCAL ASSISTANCE FOR TREE)
MORTALITY PROGRAM REPORT)
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UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
_____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD _____, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JASON T. BRITT
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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