



**Health & Human Services
Agency
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA DATE: July 23, 2019

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"/>
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 type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

CONTACT PERSON: Andrew Lockman PHONE: 624-8000

SUBJECT: Reaffirm Resolution No.2015-0850, adopted October 6, 2015

REQUEST(S):
That the Board of Supervisors:
Reaffirm the Proclamation of a Local Emergency due to tree mortality in Tulare County Resolution No. 2015-0850.

SUMMARY:
On October 6, 2015, Tulare County proclaimed a Local Emergency due to tree mortality. The unprecedented tree mortality in our area appears to be caused in part by years of prolonged drought, which in turn caused a significant number of trees to die or become stressed and unable to defend against insect and disease infestations. On October 30, 2015, the Governor proclaimed a State of Emergency due to tree mortality for several counties, including Tulare County. Two and a half years later, the tree mortality emergency continues to present severe threats to the health and safety of residents and visitors to Tulare County. The latest Aerial Detection Survey results presented on February 11, 2019, show that the number of dead or dying trees continues to increase, with a cumulative estimate of 28.95 million dead or dying trees in Tulare County and 147.6 million Statewide.

Tulare County continues to facilitate a local Tree Mortality Task Force and actively participates in the State's Forest Management Task Force and many of its working groups, harnessing the collective efforts of numerous local, State, and Federal partners, as well as utilities, subject matter experts, and relevant private interests, to better respond in a coordinated, mutually-beneficial fashion. The County continues to work with funding agencies representatives both within and outside these Task Forces in order to secure grant funding in support of additional tree removal activities.

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Over the past two and a half years, the Resource Management Agency (RMA), Fire Department, and County Parks have collaborated with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) and continue to undertake projects to remove hazard trees threatening public infrastructure such as County road rights-of-way. Similar efforts by the California Department of Transportation (CalTrans), United States Forest Service, and National Park Service continue within their respective jurisdictions, and utility companies continue to remove hazard trees threatening power lines, including service drops on private property.

Each of these stakeholder efforts are critical to improving public safety by mitigating falling debris hazards and reducing wildfire risk. As demonstrated by numerous fires such as the Pier, Cedar, and Rough Fires in Tulare County, as well as numerous major fires elsewhere in the State, Tulare County and California continue to experience significant wildfire threat, however, mitigation efforts such as hazard tree removal have been shown to reduce the risks that falling trees and wildfires pose to life and safety, in part by protecting infrastructure and critical evacuation routes.

As of the end of June 2019, the County has removed 6,813 hazard trees in the areas of Parker Pass, Balch Park/Bear Creek, Ponderosa, Eshom Valley/Hartland, Posey, Sugarloaf, and Panorama Heights. The County's tree removal activities continue to focus on protecting critical evacuation routes. Crews are currently removing hazard trees in the Western Divide area, with future work planned for the areas of Silver City, South Fork, and Camp Nelson, as well as supplemental work in the areas of Posey and Hartland.

The immediate and long-term ramifications of widespread tree mortality continue to adversely impact the health and safety of Tulare County residents and visitors, and may have an adverse impact on Tulare County's economy. As such, staff recommends that the Board of Supervisors reaffirm the existence of a Local Emergency, as required by Government Code §8630(c).

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

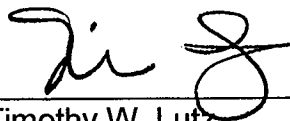
There is no cost associated with proclaiming or reaffirming a Local Emergency. Maintaining a local emergency allows the County to continue to be eligible for California Disaster Assistance Act funding and the associated Local Assistance for Tree Mortality grant. Specific tree removal projects and associated fiscal impacts will continue to be brought to the Board separately for the Board's consideration.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's five-year strategic plan includes the Safety and Security initiative, with a directive to plan and provide coordinated emergency preparedness, response, and recovery and mitigation capabilities for both natural and man-made disasters. Continuing the local emergency allows the County to continue to receive funding necessary to mitigate the threat to public safety.

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ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

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Timothy W. Lutz
Agency Director

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s) None

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

IN THE MATTER OF REAFFIRM RESOLUTION) Resolution No. _____
NO. 2015-0850, ADOPTED OCTOBER 6, 2015) Agreement No. _____

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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Resolution No. 2015-0850.



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CONTACT PERSON: Charles Felix **PHONE:** 624-8000

SUBJECT: Approval to allocate the remainder of No Place Like Home Over-the-Counter program grant funding

REQUEST(S):
That the Board of Supervisors:
Authorize the allocation of funding from the No Place Like Home Over-the-Counter program in an amount not to exceed \$425,621 for Self-Help Enterprises to use in the development of a permanent supportive housing project in the City of Dinuba.

SUMMARY:
The Governor of the State of California signed Assembly Bill 1618, also known as the "No Place Like Home" (NPLH) Program on July 1, 2016. The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) administers the NPLH Program, which dedicates capital funds to assist counties in developing housing opportunities for mental health consumers experiencing or at-risk of chronic homelessness. Tulare County Health and Human Services (HHSA) is eligible to receive \$925,621 through the Over-the-Counter component of NPLH.

On January 15, 2019, this Board authorized HHSA to apply for a grant from HCD in an amount not to exceed \$925,621. In the same resolution this Board authorized HHSA to participate in the NPLH program, and to allocate up to \$500,000 of NPLH Over-the-Counter program grant funding to Self-Help Enterprises (SHE) for use in the development of permanent supportive housing projects. SHE originally planned to utilize this allocation to leverage competitive 9% low-income housing tax credit funding to finance Sierra Village II, a 64-unit affordable rental project with five set-aside units for mental health consumers experiencing or at-risk of chronic homelessness. After applying in March 2019, SHE learned it lacked a sufficient

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amount of leveraged funds to receive the tax credits needed to move forward with this project. As a result, SHE will be unable to make use of the Over-the-Counter program funding until it addresses its shortfall of leveraged funds. HCD has the remaining \$425,621 earmarked in the No Place Like Home Over-the-Counter program for HHSA to distribute. HHSA has been unable to find another suitable developer to participate in the program.

To meet this shortfall, SHE will utilize the remaining \$425,621 HHSA Over-the-Counter program balance to increase competitiveness in the 9% low-income tax credit competition. In return, SHE will increase the number of set-aside units for HHSA consumers experiencing or at-risk of chronic homelessness from five to nine total. This will allow HHSA to further its objective of serving the most vulnerable communities in the County of Tulare. As of this time, no other developer has proposed a project to utilize HHSA's Over-the-Counter allocation, and HHSA strongly feels SHE's Sierra Village II project is an optimal use of these funds.

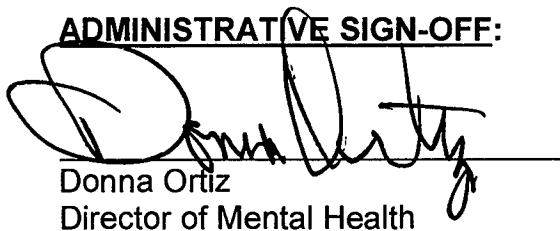
FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There is no application fee associated with this program. This program is a 100% grant, and there is no local match requirement. There is no additional net cost to the County General Fund.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's five-year strategic plan includes the Quality of Life initiative to promote public health and welfare for all individuals in Tulare County. The NPLH Program supports the initiative by providing housing stability and quality supportive services for persons living with severe mental illness and experiencing or at risk of chronic homelessness, a particularly at-risk community within Tulare County.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



Donna Ortiz
Director of Mental Health

cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s) None

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL TO) Resolution No. _____
ALLOCATE THE REMAINDER OF NO) Agreement No. _____
PLACE LIKE HOME OVER-THE-COUNTER)
PROGRAM GRANT FUNDING)

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:

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NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

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

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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Authorized the allocation of funding from the No Place Like Home Over-the-Counter program in an amount not to exceed \$425,621 for Self-Help Enterprises to use in the development of a permanent supportive housing project in the City of Dinuba.