RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2016-328

MEETING: June 28, 2016

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Mary Hodson, CAO

RE: SWIFT Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve the Contract For Services Agreement for the Continued Funding of the Southwest Interface Team (SWIFT) Project Coordinator from July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017, in the Amount of $10,000; and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Agreement. This funding proposal would support continued development of community wildfire protection plans in the north side of the County. Tuolumne County also funds a portion of the SWIFT Project Coordinator and they have indicated that they will continue with their portion of the funding.

The federal government has given no indication that it intends to re-authorize the Title III funds that have historically been used for this program. Remaining Title III funds in the Forest Reserve Fund will be insufficient to complete the Fire Safe Council contract approved in 2015. Staff recommends funding the SWIFT Project Coordinator and the remaining portion of the Fire Safe Council agreement using general fund dollars. $45,524 has been requested for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 for this purpose.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Board of Supervisors approved an agreement for the SWIFT Project Coordinator with Resolution 2015-348 on July 14, 2015.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Do not approve the Agreement. SWIFT will need to seek funding from another source for the Project Coordinator or terminate the program.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
A general fund contribution of $45,524 would fund this agreement and the remaining period on the Fire Safe Council agreement after Title III funds are exhausted.

ATTACHMENTS:
SWIFT Coordinator Agreement (DOCX)

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

Mary Hodson, CAO 6/23/2016

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
SECONDER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor
AYES: Rosemarie Smallcombe, Merlin Jones, Marshall Long, Kevin Cann
EXCUSED: John Carrier