RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2017-649

MEETING: September 26, 2017

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Mike Healy, Public Works Director

RE: Approve an Agreement with Blue Ridge Services for Detwiler Fire Tree Management

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve an Agreement with Blue Ridge Services for Detwiler Fire Tree Arborist Assessment in the Not to Exceed Amount of $85,000; and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Agreement.

There are approximately 8,500 trees that may have been damaged by the Detwiler Fire that could possibly impact the County’s Road and Right-of-Way infrastructure. These trees will need to be thoroughly examined by an arborist who can assess as to whether the tree can make a recovery of if it should be removed.

This assessment was called for by CalOES in order to identify trees that require removal so as to stem future infrastructure damage related to the fire event.

The overall task is to manage resources as necessary to mitigate the risk of hazardous trees while preserving the natural resources of Mariposa.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Board has traditionally approved contracts that prevent future damage to critical infrastructure and cause property damage.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Do not approve, trees will not be assessed or removed putting infrastructure and county roads at risk.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
This assessment is eligible for cost recovery under the Detwiler Fire CalOES Disaster Recovery Funding Resources.

ATTACHMENTS:
Blue Ridge Services - Detwiler Fire 18-015 (PDF)

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended
RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
SECONDER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey