RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2019-414

MEETING:    July 16, 2019

TO:        The Board of Supervisors

FROM:     Sarah Williams, Planning Director

RE:     Detwiler Fire Disaster Time Extension for Displaced Residents

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION: Resolution Extending for One (1) Year (until July 18, 2020) the Authority for Detwiler Fire Disaster Displaced Residents to Occupy Temporary Replacement Housing (Recreational Vehicles) Pursuant to Mariposa County Code Sections 18.05.020 and 18.05.040.

County Code Chapter 18.05 establishes policies and regulations allowing displaced residents following a declared disaster to occupy temporary replacement housing (recreation vehicles), either on-site or off site, for a limited period of time. The temporary replacement housing is intended to be used while the displaced resident addresses insurance issues, obtains financing and permits, and repairs or permanently replaces their damaged home(s). The code allows temporary replacement housing for an initial time period of two (2) years, which ends on July 18, 2019. The Board is given the authority to grant one (1) one (1) year extension.

According to Building Permit records, there were a total of eight (8) individuals or families who benefited from these code provisions and obtained permits for temporary travel trailers. While many have found or completed permanent replacement housing as of this date, there are still six (6) individuals or families who occupy temporary replacement housing who would benefit from this official determination.

During this extension period, staff from the County’s Health and Human Services Agency will work diligently to assist victims to find permanent replacement housing.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
July 16, 2017: Detwiler Fire started.

July 18, 2017: County declared Local Disaster for the Detwiler Fire.

July 25, 2017: Board adopted Resolution ratifying the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency due to the Detwiler Fire and adopted a resolution ratifying the local health emergency declaration by the County Health Officer.

August 8, 2017: Board adopted Ordinance 1126, a 45-day interim urgency ordinance.
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establishing a new Mariposa County Code Chapter 18.05 for Post Disaster Recovery. Code provisions established allowances for disaster victims to legally occupy temporary replacement housing (recreational vehicles) for two years following the disaster declaration.

**September 12, 2017:** Board adopted Ordinance 1128 extending for 10 months and 15 days, Ordinance 1126 (the interim urgency ordinance).

**July 10, 2018:** Board adopted Ordinance 1133 adding Chapter 18.05 for Post Disaster Recovery.

**ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**
Do not grant one year extension. Residents who lost their homes as a result of the Detwiler Fire would no longer be eligible to legally occupy temporary replacement housing (recreational vehicles) after July 18, 2019.

**ATTACHMENTS:**
Ordinance 1133 Post Disaster Recovery  (PDF)

**RESULT:** ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
**MOVER:** Marshall Long, District III Supervisor
**SECONDER:** Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
**AYES:** Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey