MARIPOSA COUNTY
Fire - 209-966-4330

RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2021-385

MEETING:    July 6, 2021
TO:         The Board of Supervisors
FROM:       Mike Van Loben Sels, Acting Fire Chief
RE:         Ratify a Letter of Support for Disaster Recovery Consultants

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Disaster Recovery Consultants is in the process of submitting a grant to PG& E at the end of June to implement Wildfire Disaster Training for five identified counties. The counties are Tulare; Tuolumne; Mariposa; El Dorado; and Nevada.

This letter falls within the boundaries of our legislative platform. It also meets the below guidelines of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan’s (CWPP) Part 4: Action Plan and Implementation:

3) Initiate streamlined development review process for fire mitigation.

6) Update existing fuel treatments.

7) Provide information on PSPS for homeowners.

8) Engage with local WUI communities to develop or update local CWPPs

9) Engage with local WUI communities and partner agencies to develop community specific evacuation pre-plans.

13) Support local WUI communities in wildfire preparedness and mitigation activities, such as recognition programs and annual clean up days.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Board routinely approves or ratifies letters of support that it determines to be in the best interest of the county.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Do not approve. Staff would notify recipients of a retraction in that event.

ATTACHMENTS:
Letter for Disaster Recovery Consultants  (PDF)

REF ID# 11956
RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Wayne Forsythe, District IV Supervisor

SECONDER: Tom Sweeney, District II Supervisors

AYES: Tom Sweeney, Marshall Long, Wayne Forsythe, Miles Menetrey

EXCUSED: Rosemarie Smallcombe
June 25, 2021

Ed Ellis
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3965 Bethel Rd SE,
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Port Orchard, WA 98366

Re: PG&E Better Together Resilient Communities Grant Application

Dear Mr. Ellis:

Mariposa County is looking forward to working with you and your partners to conduct training workshops for wildfire preparedness, resilience and recovery.

We understand that your non-profit organization, Disaster Recovery Consultants, is pursuing funding from the PG&E Better Together Resilient Communities Grant to provide this training through online sessions and a full-day workshop in our community. At this workshop, you will be inviting speakers from federal, state, and non-profit organizations to provide materials and training activities, that may include (but not limited to) the following topics:

- Guidelines for ignition-resistant building methods and defensible space
- Preparing for short-term housing solutions in the event of a disaster
- Confirming damage estimates with FEMA, CalOES and CALFIRE
- Navigating FEMA’s Individual Assistance Program, including appeals processes and case management
- Conducting unmet needs assessments aligned with state and federal recovery programs

This letter serves as our commitment to work with you as an active partner. This includes helping to identify the appropriate stakeholders who should receive training within the county and working with you to coordinate the onsite workshop.

We understand the risk our communities face in experiencing a wildfire disaster, and we would appreciate additional technical assistance, training and resources to prepare our residents.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Marshall Long, Chair
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors