RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2021-563

MEETING: October 5, 2021

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Shannon Hansen, Interim Director of Public Works & Transportation

RE: Declare the Capitol Christmas Tree Tour a County Sponsored Event

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Declare the 2021 U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree Tour a County Sponsored Event on November 4, 2021 from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm. The tree will be staged at the vacant lot between 9th and 10th streets for all of the community to come and enjoy.

Each year, a different national forest provides a tree to light up the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol building for the holiday season. The Six Rivers National Forest in partnership with nonprofit partner Choose Outdoors will bring this special gift from California to Washington, D.C. for the 2021 holiday season with a series of special events in communities along the way.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The tradition of the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree began in 1964 when the Speaker of the House placed a live Christmas tree on the Capitol lawn. In 1970, the Capitol Architect first asked the USDA Forest Service to provide a tree. Since then, a different national forest has been invited to provide "The People’s Tree" to celebrate the holidays this year. This is the fifth time California has been asked to provide the tree in the history of the program.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Do not approve and the event will not be insured.

ATTACHMENTS:
CCT 2021 Event Planning Guide- Final (PDF)
CCT 2021 Event Planning Worksheet (PDF)
News Release - Forest Service (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Miles Menetre, District V Supervisor
SECONDER: Wayne Forsythe, District IV Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Sweeney, Long, Forsythe, Menetre