RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: Receive final report regarding the Oliver and Telegraph Fires and declare an end to the Oliver Fire and Telegraph Fire emergencies. Please see attached staff report.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Financial Impact? ( ) Yes (x) No Current FY Cost: $
Budgeted In Current FY? ( ) Yes ( ) No ( ) Partially Funded
Amount in Budget: $
Additional Funding Needed: $

Annual Recurring Cost: $

List Attachments, number pages consecutively

Source:
Internal Transfer
Unanticipated Revenue 4/5's vote
Transfer Between Funds 4/5's vote
Contingency 4/5's vote
( ) General ( ) Other

CLERK'S USE ONLY:
Res. No.: 10-55 Ord. No. ______
Vote – Ayes: ______ Noes: ______
Absent: ______
Approved Minute Order Attached ( ) No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.
Date: ______
Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California
By: ____________________
Deputy

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:
/ Requested Action Recommended
/ No Opinion
Comments:

CAO: ____________________
TO: RICK BENSON, CAO
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

SUBJECT: Final Report Regarding the Oliver and Telegraph Fires and Declare an End to the Fire Emergencies
Res. 10-61

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

ADOPTED THIS Order on February 2, 2010

ACTION AND VOTE:

Administration
Final Report Regarding the Oliver and Telegraph Fires and Declare an End to the Fire Emergencies

BOARD ACTION: Discussion was held. Jim Wilson, Fire Chief, provided input relative to the process. Rick Benson, Board members, and the Fire Chief commended the following for their assistance with this process: Auditor, Deputy Fire Chief, Public Works, Sheriff, and Administration staff. Supervisor Turpin asked for a breakdown of the reimbursement. Chair Cann commended Supervisor Turpin for attending the briefing meetings during the fire emergencies as Chair of the Board.

Input from the public was provided by the following:
Eleanor Keuning noted the efforts by the Department of Corrections crews with fighting the fires.
Lester Bridges commented on the Chamber event scheduled for Friday and noted that the Fairgrounds is also being recognized. He referred to the Telegraph Fire and noted that the Chamber created a fire relief fund and distributed over $55,000. He further noted that many of these people have not been able to financially rebuild and he asked that they not be forgotten. He noted that fires are an ongoing problem and we need to be prepared.
Further discussion was held. Rick Benson noted that the Board took action to waive the fees for electrical hookups for the burned-out victims. (M)Allen, (S)Aborn, Res. 10-61 was adopted accepting the final report and declaring an end to the Oliver and Telegraph Fires/Ayes: Unanimous.

Cc: Dana Hertfelder, Public Works Director
Jim Wilson, Fire Chief
Brian Muller, Sheriff
Jim Rydingsword, Human Services Director
File
February 2, 2010

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Rick Benson, County Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: Oliver and Telegraph Fires

Final reimbursement has been received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency [FEMA] and the State Office of Emergency Services [OES] for expenses incurred by Mariposa County associated with the Oliver and Telegraph Fires. As such, it is appropriate for your Board to end the local emergency.

Reimbursements totaled $543,519 for direct and indirect costs incurred by the Fire Department as well as costs of the Sheriff’s Department, reimbursements for damages to roads and expenses incurred by the Public Works Department in assisting in the suppression effort. Reimbursement was also made to the County Human Services Department for activities not funded through other sources.

Naturally, most of the impact on the County was in the Fire and Sheriff’s Departments. However, during the emergencies, especially during the Telegraph Fire, every County department participated in the efforts to assist the citizens of Mariposa County. As expected, County employees performed terrifically.

Coordination of all the reimbursement efforts are the responsibility of the Fire Department. It should be noted that Deputy Chief Middleton did an excellent job of overseeing this project.

Therefore, it is recommended that your Board receive this report and declare an end to the Oliver Fire and Telegraph Fire emergencies.