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Board of Supervisors
Ventura County Watershed Protection District
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

Subject: **Adoption of the Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution to Apply for Federal Financial Assistance Under P.L. 93-288 as Amended by the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1988 and/or State Financial Assistance Under the California Disaster Assistance Act, and to Provide the Assurances and Agreements Required in Order to Receive Federal and State Disaster Relief Financial Assistance. All Watershed Protection District Zones and all Supervisorial Districts**

Recommendation:

Adoption of the Designation of the Applicant's Agent Resolution to apply for federal financial assistance under P.L. 93-288 as amended by the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1988 and/or State financial assistance under the California Disaster Assistance Act, and to provide the assurances and agreements required to receive Federal and State disaster relief financial assistance.

Fiscal/Mandates Impact:

Minimal District staff time required to perform the administrative work associated with this item is accommodated within the District's existing FY 2024-25 adopted budgets.

Discussion

Ventura County is highly vulnerable to disasters. In the past twenty years, Ventura County has received numerous Presidential disaster declarations for floods, landslides, and wildfires. These hazards have resulted in significant damage to public and private facilities, and have cost local government, businesses, and taxpayers millions of dollars. The risks posed by these hazards increase as the county's population continues to grow, and adverse impacts to public infrastructure resulting from these disasters become more acute and severe.



Accordingly, the Ventura County Watershed Protection District (District) must proactively plan and prepare for such disasters, including taking the administrative steps necessary before these disasters manifest to ensure that we can successfully secure disaster relief funding from federal and state disaster programs. To secure such federal and state disaster relief funding, in California, all applicants are required to submit a Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution executed within the last three years to the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES).

Your Board last adopted a similar resolution during your July 27, 2021, regular meeting. Therefore, it is both timely and necessary for your Board to adopt a new Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution which will serve as the District's universal resolution effective for all open and future disasters up to three years following the date of the approval of that resolution.

District staff has prepared a new Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution utilizing the form prescribed by CalOES. Therefore, the District requests the Board's adoption of the Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution which is attached to this board letter.

Strategic Plan:

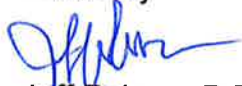
Adoption of the new Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution contributes to the Board of Supervisors (Board's) 2024-2027 strategic priority to provide:

- I. Healthy, safe, and resilient communities through
 1. Promoting community resilience and strengthen our ability to withstand and recover from disaster or adversity.

This item has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, the Auditor-Controller's Office, and County Counsel.

If there are any questions regarding this item, please contact the undersigned at (805) 652-2040, or Gerard Kapuscik, Staff Services Manager III, at (805) 648-9284.

Sincerely



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Director

Attachment:

Exhibit 1- Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution – CalOES Form 130

