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

Board of Directors
Ventura County Fire Protection District
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolutions to Waive Certain Planning, Building & Safety, Environmental Health, and Fire Protection District Fees Related to the Rebuilding of Structures Damaged in the Thomas, Hill and Woolsey Fire Disasters.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors adopt the Resolution attached as Exhibit 3, and the Board of Directors of the Fire Protection District adopt the Resolution attached as Exhibit 4, to waive certain Planning, Building & Safety, Environmental Health and Fire Protection District fees related to rebuilding structures damaged in the Thomas, Hill, and Woolsey fire disasters.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Mandatory:	No
Source of Funding:	General Fund
Funding Match Required:	No
Impact on Other Departments:	None

Fee waivers are not eligible for federal or state reimbursements; general fund monies would be required to off-set the expenses. To date, approximately \$670,000 in fees have been waived to assist in the rebuilding effort. Working with the CEO's office, budget adjustments will be recommended should there be a need to offset the waived fee revenue with general fund monies once the amount of waived fees is known at the end of the fiscal year.

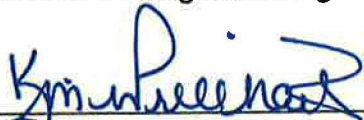
DISCUSSION:

On December 8, 2020, your Board approved the Resolutions (Exhibit 1 and 2) waiving certain Planning, Building & Safety, Environmental Health, and Fire Protection District fees related to rebuilding structures damaged in the Thomas, Hill, and Woolsey fires. For the Thomas Fire, the fee waivers were initially approved in January 2018 and were extended as part of your Boards' actions on December 8, 2020.

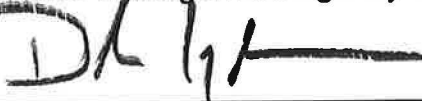
By way of background, approximately 500 structures in the unincorporated county were destroyed and/or damaged in the Thomas, Hill, and Woolsey fires. Through December 2022, 171 building permits were issued for those properties destroyed and/or damaged in the fires. It is anticipated that additional permit applications to rebuild may be submitted. It is important to note that the fee waivers only provide financial relief to those property owners who experienced the loss and would not apply to those who subsequently purchased a vacant lot to rebuild.

As the fee waivers expired on December 31, 2022, it is recommended that your Board authorize the extension of waivers from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2024, to allow time for any remaining original owner(s) to benefit from the waiver. As of the date of this board letter, no fire-related permit applications have been received since the beginning of the year.

This letter has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, County Counsel, Fire Protection District, and the Auditor-Controller's Office. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Prillhart, Resource Management Agency Director, at (805) 654-2661.



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Fire Chief

ATTACHMENTS:

- Exhibit 1 - Resolution Dated December 8, 2020, Waiving Certain Planning, Building & Safety and Environmental Health Division Fees Related to the Temporary Dwellings and Rebuilding of Structures Damaged or Destroyed in Natural Disasters
- Exhibit 2 - Resolution Dated December 8, 2020, of the Board of Directors of the Ventura County Fire Protection District Waiving Certain Fees Related to the Rebuilding of Structures Damaged or Destroyed in Natural Disasters

- Exhibit 3 - Resolution Waiving Certain Planning, Building & Safety and Environmental Health Division Fees Related to the Temporary Dwellings and Rebuilding of Structures Damaged or Destroyed in Natural Disasters
- Exhibit 4 - Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Ventura County Fire Protection District Waiving Certain Fees Related to the Rebuilding of Structures Damage or Destroyed in Natural Disasters