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MEMORANDUM

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To: District 1 Supervisor Fernando Armenta
District 2 Supervisor John M. Phillips
District 3 Supervisor Simon Salinas
District 4 Supervisor Jane Parker, Chair
District 5 Supervisor Dave Potter, Vice Chair

From: Carl P. Holm AICP, RMA Director *CH for*

Subject: STATE RESPONSIBILITY AREA FIRE PREVENTION FUND AND
TREE MORTALITY GRANT PROGRAM

cc: Lew C. Bauman, County Administrative Officer
Benny J. Young, Acting Deputy Director of Public Works & Facilities
Enrique Saavedra, Acting Chief of Public Works & Facilities
Shawne Ellerbee, Deputy Director of Administrative Services

It is the intent of the Resource Management Agency (RMA) to submit an application to the State of California – The Natural Resources Agency California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for State Responsibility Area Fire Prevention Fund and Tree Mortality Grant Program (SRAFPF & TM) grant funds for the Monterey County Fire Prevention and Tree Mortality Project in the amount of \$200,000.

The SRAFPF & TM Grant would provide funds that can be used for vegetation removal and mowing for approximately 198 acres of land to help prevent fire ignition and spread near roadways and populated rural SRA areas.

County procedures require departments to request approval by the Board of Supervisors prior to submitting a grant application. Due to the timeline of the board report administrative review process and the application submittal due date, the department is requesting authorization of this item via memorandum. Applications are due September 28, 2016.

The SRAFPF & TM is administered by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE). The 2016-17 SRAFPF & TM Grant Programs received a total of \$15.75 million in a one-time appropriation. Tree mortality projects primarily focused within the 10 Priority Counties are allocated \$11 million of the \$15.75 million and SRAFPF grants are allocated the remaining \$4.75 million statewide. The TM grants are intended to remove hazardous trees that pose a threat to public health and safety. The SRAFPF grants are intended for fire prevention projects and activities related to

hazardous fuel (vegetation) reduction, fire prevention planning, and fire prevention education that addresses the risk and potential impacts of wildfire to habitable structures throughout the entire State Responsibility Area (SRA) to California comprised of approximately 31 million acres of land throughout California where the State has the fiscal responsibility of wildfire prevention and suppression. The maximum request is \$200,000 of which capital equipment may not exceed \$100,000. A match is not required.

Staff recommends that the SRAFPP & TM Grant be applied for in this cycle to assist in funding the previously mentioned County project. Due to the tight timeframe of application submittal, staff will submit an application and present a report to your Board to ratify the grant application submittal and authorize acceptance of the grant if it is awarded to the County.

Please contact Ogarita Carranza, Management Analyst II, at (831) 755-5174 or Benny Young at (831) 755-4831, if you have any questions.