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Government Affairs Update: May/June 2017

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Tuolumne County Issues:

Realtors Engagement on Local Boards, Committees and Commissions

All Realtors are encouraged to participate with local Boards, Committees and Commissions that provide input and set policy impacting our livelihood and quality of life in Tuolumne County. Together we can make a difference. The Board of Supervisor Annual Report summarizing Board Appointed Advisory Boards, Committees and Commissions can be found at the following link.

<http://www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2036>

Road Damage in Tuolumne County

Severe winter storms have caused significant damage to County and Forest Service roads. The following links contain information to help educate residents on road closure locations and damage assessments.

<https://tuolumne.maps.arcgis.com/apps/StoryMapBasic/index.html?appid=81a1a54b0cb546c39aaadf1f82d580db>

<http://www.co.tuolumne.ca.us/DocumentCenter/View/8296>

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/stanislaus/landmanagement/?cid=FSEPRD539085>

Challenges Obtaining and/or Maintaining Affordable Homeowners Insurance

The County continues to conduct outreach to try and understand what is happening with Affordable Homeowners Insurance (Fire Insurance). In order to do so, the County needs specific, detailed information from those who have experienced problems obtaining and/or maintaining affordable homeowners insurance. Those experiencing such insurance challenges are asked to complete and return a form that can be found on the following link.

<http://www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/4520>

Drought Relocation & Rental Assistance

There is a program that can help pay moving expenses and provide rental assistance for up to 12 months for property impacted by dry wells. The program is funded through the State Department of Housing and Community Development Drought Housing Relocation Assistance Program

<http://www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/5715>



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National Disaster Resilience Competition NDRC Update

The State of California / Tuolumne County received \$70,340,770 after applying for \$117,000,000

The Grant application included the following pillars:

- Forest and Watershed Health – Lead: Sierra Nevada Conservancy
Requested: \$40,000,000 Received: \$28,604,459
- Community Resilience Centers- Lead: Tuolumne County
Requested: \$55,000,000 Received \$19,755,000
- BioMass Facility and Wood Products - Lead: Sierra Nevada Conservancy
Requested: \$22,000,000 Received \$22,000,000

Current Funding and Development Time Line:

May 2017: Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors entered into an Agreement with the State Housing and Community Development for the planning, design and construction of a Community Resiliency Center(s).

May 2017: The County anticipates releasing a Request for Proposal for NDRC Consulting Services and a Request for Qualifications for Architectural Services.

Fall 2017: The County anticipates conducting community meetings to solicit input from the public regarding programs and services to be provided in the Community Resiliency Center(s).

County General Plan

CRA Director David Gonzalves has indicated that this is still under review and discussion and the intent is to have ready for review and adoption in Spring of 2018. County budget and staffing issues may impact this schedule.

County Budget Shortfall Summary Edited from Board Agenda

There is a \$3,900,639 General Fund shortfall which County Staff is proposing the shortfall to be addressed by:

1. Assuming implementation of 5 days of furlough as currently allowed for in several of your bargaining agreements. Will save approximately \$312,000 in the General Fund.
2. Directing General Fund departments to prepare modified budgets utilizing the model developed by past Board's to generate reduction targets (that can be met by increased revenues and/or decreased expenses) for each department with priority given (in the form of lower reduction targets) to public safety and revenue generating departments. \$312,000 in assumed furlough savings.
3. Directing the Board Finance Committee to meet as soon as possible to identify other alternate actions that could be taken as departments are working



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on their new budget scenarios.

4. At June 6 meeting, CAO will present the results and impacts associated with the budget modifications made by General Fund departments. Staff would also present alternate actions discussed with the Finance Committee. After hearing all of the above along with department head input, the Board will need to give staff final direction on how to finalize the FY 2017-18 Proposed Budget for adoption on June 20. In order to maximize savings in FY 2017-18, your Board may be asked to consider approving a layoff list at this meeting.

The above action may also include direction on fund transfers needed to resolve any remaining problem in the Road Fund and to best position HSA Funds (Health, Behavioral Health and Social Services) for the future given anticipated State actions and other challenges predicted in the Multi-Year Budget Forecast.

Adoption of the FY 2017-18 Budget is a two-step process. The Proposed Budget must be adopted before the end of June. The Final Budget is slated to be adopted after a public hearing on September 5. This two-step process does allow the Board the opportunity to delay action on some issues (if absolutely necessary) until the final hearing in September.

C.A.R Bills

CAR will be issuing a series of Red Alerts in opposition to AB 71 before an Assembly Floor Vote this week. C.A.R. is OPPOSING AB 71, a bill that will eliminate the mortgage interest deduction on second homes to pay for an expansion of the low-income homeownership tax credit. **AB 71 could be voted on as soon as Wednesday.**

Realtor Feedback Appreciated

Please let me know what information (and how much information) you would like to see in the GAD report. In the CAR and NAR provide a great deal of information in emails and on their websites I have been asked to focus more on updating local issues unless it is to report on an event like LEG Day or a CAR seminar. My email is rondkopf@aol.com