

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF YUBA**

IN RE:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HEAD OF EACH)
COUNTY DEPARTMENT TO DEFER, ALTER, OR)
WAIVE FEES ESTABLISHED BY THE YUBA)
COUNTY ORDINANCE CODE AND LISTED IN TITLE)
XIII THAT WOULD OTHERWISE BE CHARGEABLE)
TO THE VICTIMS OF THE WILLOW FIRE AND ARE)
DIRECTLY RELATED TO SUCH VICTIMS)
RECOVERY FROM THE INCIDENT)**

Resolution No. 2020-142

WHEREAS, in the early morning hours on September 9, 2020 a north wind driven fire, which began north of Collins Lake on Begonia Way, quickly spread affecting properties located on Sky View Court, Sky Glen Drive, Neptune Lane, and Cascade Way; and

WHEREAS, the fire received the name Willow Fire, and covered more than 1,000 acres and destroyed seven dwelling and numerous accessory buildings as well as associated infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Willow Fire was declared a local emergency pursuant to Yuba County Ordinance Code § 4.20 on September 9, 2020 and that local emergency was ratified by the Yuba County Board of Supervisors on September 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Yuba County Ordinance Code § 10.05.590 provides that Pursuant to Resolution 1999-22, adopted by the Yuba County Board of Supervisors on February 2, 1999, fees imposed by this code and listed in Title XIII of the Yuba County Ordinance Code shall not be waived except that where an incident is officially declared to be a local emergency, the Board of Supervisors may, conditionally or not, waive fees established by County Ordinance otherwise chargeable to victims of such an incident and directly related to such victims' recovery from the incident; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to help its residents in the recovery of this emergency and provide critical relief to the victims of the Willow Fire, and such relief is deemed to serve a public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors desires to delegate certain authorities to the head of each County Department in order to be as efficient and expeditious as possible in assisting the victims of the Willow Fire in rebuilding of their lives and homes as well as regulating and permitting the buildings and associated infrastructure damaged or destroyed by the Willow Fire.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Yuba as follows:

Section 1. That the above recitals are all true and correct.

Section 2. That the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the head of each County Department to defer, alter, or waive fees established by the Yuba County Ordinance Code and listed in Title XIII that would otherwise be chargeable to the victims of the willow fire and are directly related to such victims/ recovery from the incident associated with the Willow Fire, with exception of any state mandated fees that are not able to be waived.

Section 3. That, if applicable, the head of each County Department is ordered to seek fee reimbursement from properties with insurance up to the amount covered by insurance, seek other non-County funding through grants or disaster assistance as available or needed to cover gaps in costs, and report back to the Board of Supervisors in the event there are costs that were not able to be recovered.

Section 4. That the head of each County Department seek out opportunities to expedite or provide priority to any fee waivers or permitting activities related to the Willow Fire.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect upon its adoption and shall terminate two years from the date of adoption, unless it is extended by further resolution of the Board of Supervisors.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Yuba held on the 13th day of October 2020, by the following vote:


AYES: Supervisors Vasquez, Leahy, Lofton, Bradford, Fletcher

NOES: None

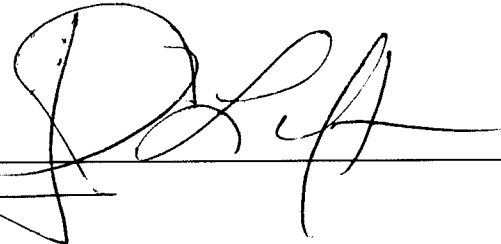
ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

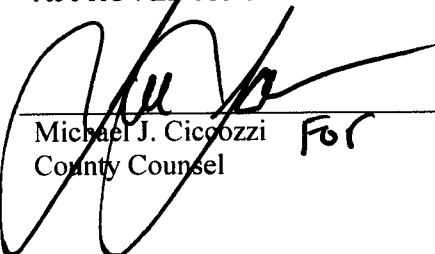
ATTEST:



Rachel Ferris
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
Mary Pasillas, Board Clerk



Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Michael J. Ciccozzi For
County Counsel