



City of Grass Valley City Council Agenda Action Sheet

Title: December 2021 Winter Storm Debris Clean Up

Recommendation: That Council 1) approve storm debris disposal events for the citizens of the City of Grass Valley; 2) authorize the City Manager, as the Director of Emergency Services, to procure the necessary contracts to implement the storm debris disposal events, including the disposal of the material collected; 3) authorize the spending of up to \$85,000 of City General Funds to fund the event; and, 4) authorize the Administrative Services Director to make any necessary budget adjustments and/or amendments to complete this action.

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Council Meeting Date: 1/11/2022

Date Prepared: 01/06/2022

Agenda: Administrative

Background Information: On December 26 and 27, 2021, the City of Grass Valley was struck by a severe winter storm that caused extreme damage to many properties within the City. In addition to downed trees, blocked roads and other hazardous conditions, many residents and businesses were without power for extended periods of time after the storm. In response to the perilous aftermath of the snowstorm, the City found it necessary to proclaim the existence of a local emergency throughout the City. On December 30, 2021, City Council held a Special Meeting and adopted Resolution 2021-72 proclaiming a Local Emergency due to the 2021 Winter Storm in the City of Grass Valley.

On December 30, 2021, Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in Nevada County (and several other counties across California) due to the December storms. The Governor's emergency proclamation supports response and recovery efforts, including expanding access to state resources for counties under the California Disaster Assistance Act to support their recovery and response efforts. As a result of the Governor's actions, the expectation is that 75% of emergency response expenses relating to public facilities should be reimbursed.

While the City may be reimbursed for some of the storm debris removal expenses, most of our citizens will not. Therefore, to help mitigate the property damage and hazardous conditions caused by the winter storm, staff requests Council's approval to host at least two storm damage debris drop off events for residents of the City (tentatively, one in January and another in early February). These events, for verified City residents only, would allow for free disposal of tree and plant debris from the recent storm. To ensure

all City of Grass Valley residents can take advantage of the green waste disposal events, only branches/trees, and large green waste debris will be accepted, lawn clippings/leaves will not be accepted as part of this event. After the event deadlines (TBD), the City will contract to have the materials removed and disposed of appropriately. More information and details will be presented at the City Council Meeting.

Council Goals/Objectives: Goal #6 Public Safety - The City of Grass Valley is devoted to providing a safe place to Live, Work and Play.

Fiscal Impact: The Fiscal Impact for this proposed event is not to exceed \$85,000, which is available in the General Fund Reserves.

Funds Available: Yes

Account #: N/A

Reviewed by: City Manager

Attachments: N/A