



City of Grass Valley City Council Agenda Action Sheet

Title: Resolutions opposing local forest health, wildfire mitigation, social, and economic impacts that will result from federal funding cuts

CEQA: Not a project

Recommendation: That the Council 1) adopt resolution 2025-06 opposing the local impacts to forest health and wildfire mitigation that will result from federal funding and staffing cuts to our public lands; 2) adopt resolution 2025-05 opposing the local economic impacts that will result from federal funding cuts; and 3) Provide direction to staff to draft a cover letter, to be approved by the Mayor and Vice Mayor, expressing the City's opposition to federal staffing and funding cuts.

Prepared by: Tim Kiser, City Manager

Council Meeting Date: 03/25/2025

Date Prepared: 03/20/2025

Agenda: Consent

Background Information

At the March 11, 2025, the Truckee Town Council approved two resolutions and a cover letter to be sent to federal representatives, expressing concern over and opposition to the local impacts of federal staffing and funding cuts. These reductions affect wildfire mitigation and fire response efforts within National Forests, and visitor services on public lands. Additional funding cuts to local agencies further compound these challenges.

The City of Grass Valley, local fire districts, homeowner associations, and property owners have proactively invested significant resources in fire mitigation, preparedness, and community readiness efforts. These efforts were intended to complement the work of government agencies including the U.S. Forest Service in reducing fire risks on federally managed lands within Nevada County and around Grass Valley. However, with federal funding cuts and program pauses, this critical partnership has been severely weakened, leaving our community at heightened risk of wildfires and other natural disasters. Given that wildfires do not adhere to jurisdictional boundaries, the loss or significant reduction of federal fire mitigation efforts places Grass Valley and the broader region in increased danger.

Staff has provided two resolutions for City Council's consideration:

- Resolution 2025-06, opposing the local impacts to forest health and wildfire mitigation that will result from federal funding and staffing cuts to our public

lands.

- Resolution 2025-05, opposing the economic impacts that will result from federal funding cuts on the community

These topics have been separated into two resolutions to allow for broader regional alignment, as it is anticipated that additional local agencies may adopt identical or similar wildfire mitigation resolutions in coordination with the City's actions. Outreach on this issue has included discussions with the following agencies:

- Town of Truckee
- County of Nevada
- City of Nevada City

This proactive approach seeks to protect the City of Grass Valley's interests and advocate for continued federal investment in fire mitigation, disaster preparedness, and local economic stability.

Staff recommends working with the Town of Truckee and other local agencies, to compile cover letters and resolutions with our partner agencies and coordinate an in-person delivery, if possible or by mail, of these resolutions to Representative Kiely at his office in Rocklin.

Council Goals/Objectives: The execution of this action attempts to achieve the following Strategic Goals:

GOAL #5 - High Performance Government and Quality Services

Fiscal Impact: No fiscal impact associated with this action.

Funds Available: N/A

Account #: N/A

Reviewed by: City Manager

Attachments:

- Resolution 2025-06, opposing the local impacts to forest health and wildfire mitigation that will result from federal funding and staffing cuts to our public lands.
- Resolution 2025-05, opposing the economic impacts that will result from federal funding cuts on the community