



MEMORANDUM
COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE
County of Placer

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors **DATE:** January 8, 2019

FROM: Todd Leopold, County Executive Officer
By: Bekki Riggan, Deputy County Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Appoint Brian Estes, Unit Chief, CAL FIRE Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit as the County Fire Warden

ACTION REQUESTED

Appoint Brian Estes, Unit Chief, CAL FIRE Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit to serve as the Placer County Fire Warden.

BACKGROUND

Your Board approved the County Hazardous Vegetation Abatement (HVA) Ordinance on October 23, 2007 which provides a program of hazardous vegetation abatement initially enacted and enforced in the fire protection districts on the eastern slope of Placer County. Contained within the Ordinance are responsibilities for a County Fire Warden for managing the program. Your Board therefore amended Placer County Code Article 2 on November 27, 2007 creating an unpaid County Fire Warden position that is to be filled by a serving fire chief officer. California Government Code §24008 delegates the appointing authority for a County Fire Warden to your Board.

Chief Brian Estes, Brian Estes, Unit Chief, CAL FIRE Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit is the most appropriate chief officer to assume the role of County Fire Warden. Chief Estes has leadership, management and oversight responsibilities for all CAL FIRE personnel, assets and operations in his unit, and specifically, oversees the Placer County Cooperative fire protection services, Placer County Fire Department (PCFD). The area served by PCFD is by far the largest within the unincorporated area of the County, and added to that are CAL FIRE responsibilities for State and Local Response Area wildland fire suppression which includes the areas comprising the eastern slope fire protection districts.

FISCAL IMPACT

This action has no impact on the General Fund.

