

**PLACER COUNTY
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**

M E M O R A N D U M

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: David Boesch, County Executive Officer
John McEldowney, Emergency Services Program Manager

Date: May 5, 2015

Subject: Appoint George Morris III, Chief, Nevada- Yuba- Placer Ranger Unit, CAL FIRE as the County Fire Warden

ACTION REQUESTED

Request your Board appoint George Morris III, Chief, Nevada-Yuba-Placer Ranger Unit, CAL FIRE 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 George Morris III, Unit Chief of the Nevada-Yuba-Placer Ranger Unit of CAL FIRE is the most appropriate chief officer to assume the role of County Fire Warden. Chief Morris has leadership, management and oversight responsibilities for all CAL FIRE personnel, assets and operations in his unit, and specifically, oversees the Placer County contracted fire protection services, Placer County Fire (PCF). The area served by PCF 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.

