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RE: PG&E FUNDS REQUEST

Dear Honorable Board of Supervisors,

Thank you for your diligent representation of the constituents of Mendocino County. The Department of Planning and Building Services would like to submit this letter for consideration, as a follow up to the presentation on April 6, 2021. Our request for PG&E funds has several components; including monies that are "one-time" costs, increased staffing and IT improvements that would be better suited to a 5 year plan.

We would like a one-time reimbursement of \$412,899, for staff time spent related specifically to the 2017 Redwood Complex Fire, in the processing of Administrative Permits (Temporary Trailers Ordinance) for fire survivors, staff time in debris clean up and remediation work, and the over excavation project. The department will use these funds to reinvest in our staff. Additional one-time costs include facility modifications to create workstations at the counter for permit meetings, to remove several walls in our GIS/Mapping room and create a single office space with a door, replace worn and torn carpets in the lobby and conference room, which is estimated at \$800,000. Also, the department is proposing a one-time expense for a County-wide Vehicle Abatement program to clean up junked cars from around the County, in the amount of \$900,000. The last one-time expenses requested are the purchase of two additional vehicles for Code Enforcement, and 5 large scale computer monitors for electronic plan review of building plans, anticipated at a cost of \$78,000.

Our request for additional funds that would span a 2 to 5 year period are IT upgrades and improvements that include the purchase of Bluebeam software, training and maintenance and a trakit upgrade for online permitting and web-based services. The overall improvement to the departments IT is estimated at \$400,000.

In working with the Budget Team and Executive Office, Planning and Building will receive an additional budget augmentation of \$871,000 to cover increased salaries to achieve optimal staffing for the next fiscal year; however any augmentation by the PG&E funds toward the above unfunded requests would improve department efficiencies and allow for greater services to the public. Thank you again for your time and consideration of our department's request.

Respectfully,


Nash Gonzalez, Interim Director