Office of the Mayor SAN FRANCISCO



EDWIN M. LEE Mayor

January 7, 2015

Ms. Angela Calvillo Clerk, San Francisco Board of Supervisors 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244 San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

At the recommendation of the Department of Emergency Management and the Public Utilities Commission (PUC), Mayor Lee requests to extend the monthly recurring item on the Board of Supervisors agenda to continue the Local Emergency related to the Rim Fire through March 31, 2015. In order to protect the Hetch Hetchy Water and Power System, the PUC continues to seek flexibility to rapidly hire contactors to repair ongoing damage to roads, power poles, and other City assets resulting from rain, snow, and associated runoff in the burn area. In particular, the PUC requests ongoing flexibility to perform emergency tree removal following storms in the Sierra Nevada, which may cause trees damaged by the Rim Fire to block roads and damage infrastructure that is critical to operation of the Hetch Hetchy Water and Power System.

Under state law, the Local Emergency must be renewed every 30 days by the Board of Supervisors or else it expires. As you know, the Board approved a final extension to the emergency on December 16, 2014, which will expire on January 15, 2015 unless renewed. We respectfully request that this item again be calendared for Adoption Without Committee Reference on the following dates:

- January 13

- February 10

- March 10

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Nicole Elliott

Legislative Director

Office of Mayor Edwin M. Lee

cc: All Members, Board of Supervisors

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