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INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Board of Supervisors
For the County of El Dorado
FROM: Michael J. Ciccozzi
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RE: Angora Fire Right of Entry Permits

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Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board authorize the Chairperson to sign the Right of Entry Permits (an example of the Right of entry Permit is attached as Exhibit A) on behalf of the County once signed Right of Entry Permits are received from the homeowners affected by the Angora Fire.

Background

Recently the Angora fire destroyed approximately 250 homes in the South Lake Tahoe area severely impacting the residents of that community. In an unprecedented act, the State Office of Emergency Services along with the California Environmental Protection Agency have agreed to develop a plan in conjunction with the County to assist the homeowners affected by the fire in the cleanup of their properties. In order to gain access to the private property, the homeowners have been asked to sign a Right of Entry Permit. The Right of Entry permit does three things: (1) it grants access to the site, to the County, state and their contractors; (2) it obligates the homeowner to reimburse the County for the cost of the cleanup of their property to the extent the homeowner receives any insurance proceeds and (3) holds the County, State and their contractors harmless for any damages arising from or related to the cleanup efforts.

The Right of Entry permit was disseminated to the homeowners at a Public Meeting had on July 5, 2006. The entire cleanup program was explained to those in attendance and was generally well received. It is anticipated that we will begin to receive signed Right of Entry permits over the course of the next few weeks.

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