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TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Board Item 23-0895 – Support for AB 704 (Patterson)

Supervisors Hidahl and Turnboo have drafted the above item for the May 9th agenda, seeking the Board of Supervisors' support for AB 704, authored by Assembly Member Jim Patterson. In accordance with Board of Supervisors Policy A-4 - County Legislative Policy, my office has researched the proposed legislation and offers the following additional information.

AB 704, as currently written, would amend sections of the California Public Resources Code to allow for homes being rebuilt after a declared disaster to comply with requirements for photovoltaic systems that were in effect at the time the home was originally built, rather than those in effect at the time of the rebuild. This would only apply in the following circumstances:

1. The homeowner's income is lower than the county median.
2. The homeowner does not have code upgrade insurance.
3. The home is being rebuilt on the same site and does not exceed the original square footage.

This would provide relief to residents in the Caldor and Mosquito Fire areas who lost their homes, so it meets the goal of our legislative policy to support bills that will have a specific impact on our county. The Regional Council of Rural Counties (RCRC) supports AB 704 and the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) has taken a watch position. The exception provided by this legislation would sunset in 2027.