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Chief Administrative Officer recommending Chairman be authorized to sign Memorandum of Understanding with Governor's Office of Emergency Services and the California Integrated Waste Management Board Concerning Angora Fire Structural Debris Removal. (MOU to be distributed on Monday, July 9.)

BUDGET SUMMARY:		
Total Estimated Cost		\$
Funding		
Budgeted	\$	
New Funding	\$	
Savings	\$	
Other	\$	
Total Funding Available	\$	
Change To Net County Cost		\$

Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost: Unknown at this time. Estimated cost of debris removal in Angora Fire burn area is \$7 million.

Background:

The County of El Dorado proclaimed a local emergency due to the outbreak of the Angora Fire on Sunday, June 23, and the Board of Supervisors ratified said action on Tuesday, June 26. As a result of the Angora Fire, 229 residences and 75 commercial structures have been destroyed, and another 14 residences have been damaged. Serious health and safety hazards currently exist from fire debris, including unstable chimneys, walls of fire damaged structures, and harmful chemicals that are likely to remain on affected parcels, such hazards requiring immediate attention and constituting a local emergency.

At its July 3 meeting, the Board ratified the Chairman's signature on letters sent to Governor Schwarzenegger and the Director of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services on June 29, 2007 requesting State assistance through a state-managed debris cleanup program.

Reason for Recommendation:

On July 2, 2007, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger issued Executive Order S-09-07, directing State agencies to help the victims of the Angora Fire begin restoration. This executive order includes the following directive: "5. *That State agencies shall work with local officials to put into place and implement a comprehensive structural debris removal plan that will treat the removal of structural debris as a single organized project.*" Attached to this agenda item is a draft debris removal plan to

be performed through the California Integrated Waste Management Board. It is anticipated that the debris removal program will be implemented by Monday, July 16.

The Chief Administrative Officer has been working with representatives from the Governor's Office of Emergency Services and the California Integrated Waste Management Board in preparing a Memorandum of Understanding concerning the responsibilities of the three agencies and funding issues in the implementation of the state-managed debris removal program. The Memorandum of Understanding is under review by the three agencies. The California Integrated Waste Management Board will be meeting on Monday, July 9 to review the issues regarding this program.

Action to be taken following Board approval:

Staff from the Department of Environmental Management will continue to work with State agencies to complete the debris removal program.

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