



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: *October 22, 2019*

**DATE:** Wednesday, October 16, 2019

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**THROUGH:** Christine Vuletich, Assistant County Manager

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to recognize funds received from FEMA through the State of Nevada for the January and February 2017 flooding events be recognized in the special revenue funds that were responsible for the expense with all remaining reimbursements to be recognized in the General Fund Contingency Account excluding projects B60, D56 and F59. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION (All Commission Districts)

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### SUMMARY

During the first two months of 2017, the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners ratified declarations of emergencies for two separate flood event: the flooding of the Truckee River in January 2017 and widespread flooding in Lemmon Valley and other North Valleys areas that began in February 2017. The total estimated cost for repairs and recovery for these two events is over \$11 million. This staff report is seeking Board authority to recognize funds received from FEMA through the State of Nevada be recognized in the special revenue funds that were responsible for the expense with all remaining reimbursements be recognized in the Washoe County General Fund Contingency Account. Reimbursements for projects B60, D56 and F59 will be recognized in the Utilities Fund.

**Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:** Stewardship of our Community

### PREVIOUS ACTION

On September 12, 2017, the Board approved a resolution to transfer \$3,000,000 from the County's Stabilization Account to the Roads Fund to pay expenses incurred by Washoe County. It was determined that the disposition of any reimbursements beyond \$3 million for expenses that were paid or advanced by the General Fund (i.e. by the General Fund Contingency Account) would be determined later by the BCC.

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**BACKGROUND**

During the first two months of 2017, the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) ratified declarations of emergencies for two separate flood events: the flooding of the Truckee River in January 2017 and widespread flooding in Lemmon Valley and other North Valleys areas that began in February in 2017. Both flood events later received a presidential declaration of emergency, which entitles Washoe County and other jurisdictions to receive partial reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for eligible repair and recovery costs. Presently, the total estimated cost for repairs and recovery for these two events is over \$11 million. It was therefore necessary for the County to use its stabilization account to help pay for these costs prior to reimbursement from FEMA and to cover the non-FEMA reimbursed portion of costs. Through the budget process for FY 20, the County has replenished the General Fund stabilization reserve to the \$3 million policy minimum.

Reimbursements for projects B60, D56 and F59 will be recognized in the Utilities Fund.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Should the Board authorize to recognize funds received from FEMA through the State of Nevada in the special revenue funds listed below and the remaining amount to Washoe County General Fund Contingency Account FY20 and future fiscal year budgets will be increased in revenue and expenditures by the amounts received through separate budget augmentations. The amount of reimbursements received that are booked into the contingency account will not exceed the statutory limitation on budgeted contingency.

Revenue

500100-485300	Other Misc. Govt Rev Animal Services	\$17,792.11
210100-485300	Other Misc. Govt Rev Indigent Assistance	\$348.30
250110-485300	Other Misc. Govt Rev Senior Services	\$1,610.10
189000-485300	Other Misc. Govt Rev Contingency	Remaining amount received

Expenditures – Authority only increased upon formal augmentation

500100-701412	Salary Adjustment	Animal Services	\$17,792.11
210100-701412	Salary Adjustment	Indigent Assistance	\$348.30
250110-701412	Salary Adjustment	Senior Services	\$1,610.10
189000-820000	Contingency	Contingency	Remaining amount received

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners recognize funds received from FEMA through the State of Nevada for the January and February 2017 flooding events be recognized in the special revenue funds that were responsible for the expense with all remaining reimbursements to be recognized in the General Fund Contingency Account excluding projects B60, D56 and F59.”

**POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff’s recommendations, a possible motion would be: “Move to recognize funds received from FEMA through the State of Nevada for the January and February 2017 flooding events be recognized in the special revenue funds that were responsible for the expense with all remaining reimbursements to be recognized in the General Fund Contingency Account excluding projects B60, D56 and F59.”