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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: July 25, 2017

DATE: Wednesday, July 19, 2017

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve the use of General Fund Contingency in the amount of [$534,835] to cover mosquito spraying expenses related to flooded areas for Fiscal Year 2017-2018, and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget appropriation transfers. (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 354.598005(5) provides that "budget appropriations may be transferred between functions, funds or contingency accounts …. if such a transfer does not increase the total appropriation for any fiscal year and is not in conflict with other statutory provisions". The purpose of this item is to consider approval of the use of the General Fund Contingency Account to cover flood-related mosquito spraying expenses for the Health District. All adjustments are within the existing approved budget for Washoe County. Approval of this recommendation will put in place the budget authority for these unanticipated expenditures this fiscal year.

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

PREVIOUS ACTION

On June 27, 2017, the BCC approved the use of General Fund Contingency in the amount of $205,525 to the Health Fund for flood-related mosquito spraying costs through the end of Fiscal Year 2016-2017. It was noted that the Health District would need an additional $534,835 in Fiscal Year 2017-18 to cover spraying costs for the period from July 1, 2017 through the end of summer.

BACKGROUND

County management has met with Health District staff to review increased mosquito spraying this summer due to the additional areas of the County that have standing water as a result of the floods in January and February 2017. The Health District has estimated

that it will require additional funding of $534,835 for further mosquito larvicide treatments of flood-impacted areas after July 1. The impacted region includes approximately 3,180 total acres requiring treatment for 2017. It is critical that these areas receive continued treatments in the interest of public health and safety.

NRS 354.598005(5) provides that "budget appropriations may be transferred between functions, funds or contingency accounts …. if such a transfer does not increase the total appropriation for any fiscal year and is not in conflict with other statutory provisions". Thus, transfers of appropriations between functions or programs within a fund (cross-functional transfers) or between funds (interfund transfers) or from a contingency account require approval of the governing body.

FISCAL IMPACT

If approved, the following use of contingency funds in account 189000-820000 and budget appropriation transfers between functions will be made by the Comptroller's Office to cover unanticipated mosquito spraying costs in Fiscal Year 2017-18 related to the flood disasters, as outlined above. All adjustments are within the existing approved budget for Washoe County and are indicated as follows:

Fund	**Department/Expenditure**	**Budget Change**
General Fund		
Decrease 189000 - 820000	General Fund Contingency	(534,835.00)
Increase 189000 – 812002	Transfer to Health Fund	534,835.00
Health Fund		
Increase HD202001 – 710319	Chemical Supplies	534,835.00
Increase HD202001 – 621001	Transfer from General Fund	534,835.00

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve the use of General Fund Contingency in the amount of [$534,835] to cover mosquito spraying expenses related to flooded areas for Fiscal Year 2017-2018, and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget appropriation transfers.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to approve the use of General Fund Contingency in the amount of [$534,835] to cover mosquito spraying expenses related to flooded areas for Fiscal Year 2017-2018, and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget appropriation transfers."

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