

**Sierra County
Board of Supervisors'
Agenda Transmittal &
Record of Proceedings**

MEETING DATE: September 17, 2019	TYPE OF AGENDA ITEM: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Timed <input type="checkbox"/> Consent
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DEPARTMENT: Public Works APPROVING PARTY: Tim H. Beals PHONE NUMBER: 530-289-3201
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AGENDA ITEM: Approval of letter to the CPUC directed by Board on September 3, 2019 regarding the 2-1-1-system.

SUPPORTIVE DOCUMENTS ATTACHED: Memo Resolution Agreement Other
 Letter for Approval

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: as directed by the Board on Sept. 3, 2019

FUNDING SOURCE:
GENERAL FUND IMPACT: No General Fund Impact
OTHER FUND:
AMOUNT: \$ N/A

ARE ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL REQUIRED? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, -- -- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	IS THIS ITEM ALLOCATED IN THE BUDGET? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No IS A BUDGET TRANSFER REQUIRED? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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BOARD ACTION: <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Approved as amended <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted as amended <input type="checkbox"/> Denied <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> No Action Taken	<input type="checkbox"/> Set public hearing For: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Direction to: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Referred to: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Continued to: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Authorization given to: _____	Resolution 2019- _____ Agreement 2019- _____ Ordinance _____ Vote: Ayes: Noes: Abstain: Absent: <input type="checkbox"/> By Consensus
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COMMENTS:

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17 September 2019

Mr. Eric Van Wanbeke, Program & Project Supervisor
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102-3298

Subject: Implementation of SB 1212
Funding and Disaster 2-1-1 Services

Dear Mr. Van Wanbeke:

This letter is provided to respond to your letter of July 19, 2019 on the subject of SB 1212 funding and the deployment of 2-1-1 disaster services. The Sierra County Board of Supervisors has evaluated the need for and likelihood of a successful program should the 2-1-1 system be implemented.

While we appreciate this opportunity to apply for funding, it appears that this is one of many State programs where a "one size fits all" program does not work.. The notifications suggested and outreach provided through the proposed 2-1-1 program, on most part, are already covered through other programs that the County OES functions have initiated or implemented. In a County of 3,000 people, having calls routed to Ventura County or Los Angeles County and standing the required implementation and maintenance costs accordingly seems quite impractical. In addition, we are now facing increasing power outages due to wildfire concerns and with extremely limited cell service within Sierra County (and most rural areas), and in particular large areas of the County where cell service is not available at all, and these power outages impact residential telephone services that are more and more internet based. Such outages leave many with no telephone service of any kind which affords severe limitations for the overall success of a 2-1-1 program.

We would encourage both the Legislature and the CPUC to consider more broad language in such funding mechanisms to allow more creative ways to provide alternative services in California's more rural areas where current approved 2-1-1 options are shown to be unrealistic. Sierra County, like many rural Counties, could put funding that would otherwise be available to design and implement a 2-1-1 system to much better use providing programs and services that have a direct and immediate benefit to those in need of expanded OES services and other like programs or services. If any potential exists to divert these funds to other priority programs of a like nature, please contact us at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

SIERRA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Paul Roen
Chairman of the Board