

STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE:	May 13, 2025
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CATEGORY: Consent Calendar 5

SUBJECT: Approve a letter to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and approve a resolution declaring a local state of emergency due to the increasing presence and depredation of gray wolves in Shasta County (Sponsored by Supervisor Harmon).

DEPARTMENT: Board of Supervisors

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT #: All

DEPARTMENT CONTACT: Corkey Harmon, District 3 Supervisor, (530) 225-5557

STAFF REPORT APPROVED BY: Stewart Buettell, Deputy County Executive Officer

<u>Vote Required?</u>	<u>General Fund Impact?</u>
Simple Majority Vote	No Additional General Fund Impact

RECOMMENDATION

Approve a letter to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and approve a resolution declaring a local state of emergency due to the increasing presence and depredation of gray wolves in Shasta County.

DISCUSSION

Similar states of emergency have been declared in Sierra, Lassen, and Modoc counties regarding the increasing presence and depredation of gray wolves. Those same counties have also engaged with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife in an effort to find alternative means of deterring the wolves to protect public safety, property, and livestock.

ALTERNATIVES

The Board could choose not to send the letter, not declare a state of emergency, or defer consideration to a future date.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

County Counsel has approved the resolution as to form. The Recommendation has been reviewed by the County Administrative Office.

FISCAL IMPACT

Costs associated with drafting and sending a letter and resolution have been included in the Clerk of the Board Budget (BU 103) for Fiscal Year 2024-25.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1: Draft Letter to CDFW
- 2: Draft Resolution