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BOARD REPORT

PUBLIC HEARING – INTERIM ORDINANCE 1301 EXTENSION: TEMPORARILY RESTRICTING NEW AGRICULTURAL WATER WELL PERMITS

August 3, 2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Per the actions of the Board of Supervisors at the special meeting held June 22, 2021, the Board is to consider extending interim urgency ordinance 1301, temporarily placing a moratorium on new agricultural water well permits. The moratorium is set to expire August 6, 2021 unless extended as provided by law.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

- A. Introduce an ordinance extending Interim Ordinance No. 1301 "*An Interim Ordinance of the Glenn County Board of Supervisors, Adopted Pursuant to Government Code Section 65858, Temporarily Restricting New Agricultural Water Well Permits, With Specified Exemptions, Pending the County's Study and Consideration of Regulations*"; and
- B. Conduct a Public Hearing to consider adoption of the ordinance; and
- C. Waive full reading and adopt the ordinance.

HISTORY AND BACKGROUND:

Due to unprecedented drought conditions in the local region, and State of California, a local emergency was declared and then consequently extended at the July 20, 2021 Board of Supervisors meeting. To mitigate some of the devastating current and potential damages from the drought, the Board adopted Interim Ordinance 1301 on June 22, 2021 to pause issuing agricultural water well permits. Domestic water well permitting is not affected by this moratorium.

FISCAL/PERSONNEL IMPACTS(S):

Unknown at this time.

ANALYSIS/DISCUSSION:

Should the Board decide to let the moratorium expire August 6, 2021, well permitting for Agricultural water wells will recommence August 9, 2021. If the Board decides to adopt the ordinance, the moratorium will remain in effect for an additional 10 months and 15 days until June 22, 2021.