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Supervisor Vasquez 

On behalf of the Cordelia Fire Protection District, I would like to request funds from the Cal OES monies allocated to Solano County for the Local Government Public Safety Power Shutoff Resiliency Program. As you know, these funds are part of the State's \$75 million one-time General Fund appropriation to support state and local government efforts to provide public safety, protect vulnerable populations, such as Green Valley and surrounding unincorporated Solano County, and improve resiliency in emergency response during utility-led Public Safety Power Shutdown (PSPS) actions.

The Cordelia Fire Protection District serves the citizens and public in the Green Valley, Cordelia and surrounding unincorporated Solano County from two fire stations: Station 31, located in Cordelia, and Station 29 in Green Valley. This past summer, both stations were affected by PG&E's PSPS. Neither Station 29 nor 31 have back-up generators needed to power equipment, communications, or infrastructure required for personnel to respond to emergencies when a utility-led PSPS event is declared.

Public Safety Power Shutoffs are declared when weather conditions are such that power line failures could lead to catastrophic wildfires. The Green Valley area is a high hazard target area, as determined by Cal Fire, in the event of wildfire during extreme weather conditions— the same conditions that trigger the PSPS.

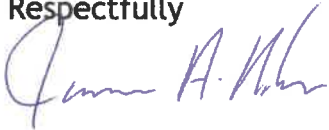
The Cordelia Fire Protection District is requesting funding for:

1. Design, purchase and installation of whole fire station emergency backup generators for both the Cordelia (31) and Green Valley (29) Fire Stations.
2. Funding to determine, map and mark wildfire evacuation routes and fire refuge / safety areas in the Green Valley area.
3. Funding for community outreach / education in the Green Valley area for wildfire evacuation and pre-fire defensive activities.

I understand, from your constituent emailing, that you are requesting input from the citizens and county staff for spending the \$463,843.00 awarded to the County of Solano. I doubt that county staff has provided input on the needs of Solano County's fire protection districts as neither I nor any of my staff or directors have been contacted by county officials so far. The county fire protection districts will face the brunt of any fire during a PSPS event, and this request is in direct line with the requirements of the state's approved eligible activities.

I look forward to hearing from you or your staff regarding this request.

Respectfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim Nolan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "N".

Jim Nolan
Fire Chief