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To: Board of Supervisors
From: Melinda Cervantes, County Librarian
Date: October 9, 2018

Subject: Grant from the California Public Utilities Commission

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the County Librarian, or designee, to apply for and accept a grant in the amount of \$62,100 from the California Public Utilities Commission to provide computer equipment and furniture for the El Sobrante Library, for the period January 1 through June 30, 2019.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Library is required to cover at least 15% of the total cost of the grant project. The total cost of the grant project is \$76,450. The Library will fund \$14,350, or 19%, of the total cost.

BACKGROUND:

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), through the California Advanced Services Fund, offers grant opportunities to support educational programs and equipment for internet access in low-income and under-served communities. On February 27, 2018, the El Sobrante Library was severely damaged by fire. The interior of the building and its contents suffered extensive smoke and water damage, so much so that all its collections,

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD

ADMINISTRATOR

COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **10/09/2018** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor
Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: October 9, 2018

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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computers, furniture, carpet, lighting, electrical, data, telecommunications and interior infrastructure, such as walls and ceiling, will be replaced. The Library has been closed since the

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

fire, which is a significant loss and hardship for the residents of El Sobrante, and especially for families with young children and those who rely on the library for their Internet connection and computer use. Funding from the CPUC Broadband Access Project grant will go a long way in restoring essential library services to the residents of El Sobrante.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Insurance will partially pay the cost of reconstruction, however a significant portion of the rebuild costs will be borne by the Library. If received, this grant funding will offset some of the costs associated with reopening the El Sobrante Library to the public.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

A library that provide families and children with access to computers and the Internet supports the following four statements:

- 1. Children Ready for and Succeeding in School:**
- 2. Children and Youth Healthy and Preparing for Productive Adulthood:**
- 3. Families that are Economically Self Sufficient:**
- 4. Communities that are Safe and Provide a High Quality of Life for Children and Families.**