

RESOLUTION NO. 25 - 9015

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF PLUMAS
ESTABLISHING PRINCIPLES AND PRIORITIES FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF THE
COUNTY OF PLUMAS 2021 DIXIE FIRE SETTLEMENT FUNDS RECEIVED FROM PG&E**

WHEREAS, the wildfire known as the Dixie Fire started on July 13, 2021, and burned a total of 963,309 acres with 768,130 acres within the County of Plumas, alone, causing damage and destruction to Greenville, Canyon Dam, Indian Falls, Warner Valley, and surrounding areas until the wildfire was contained on October 25, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the impacts of the 2021 Dixie Fire necessitate recovery and rebuilding needs; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisor acknowledges recovery and rebuilding takes collaboration, strategic planning, sustained leadership, and diligent use of funds; and

WHEREAS, the County of Plumas received \$7.8 million in funds from PG&E for its damages caused by the 2021 Dixie Fire as a public entity, which included public and natural resources, pavement and roads, lost revenue, increased expenses, and other losses; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors acknowledges the County insurance payout funds for covered losses will not be adequate to rebuild the loss of County-owned property essential to providing public safety and other community services in the most impacted 2021 Dixie Fire affected communities of Greenville, Canyon Dam, Indian Falls, and Warner Valley; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors acknowledges the County Public Entity PG&E Settlement Agreement requires repayment of funds to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) as well as others, reducing available funds; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors acknowledges recovery and rebuilding of public infrastructure directly supports the County's restoration objectives by helping to return essential services, economic stability, and community vitality in the most impacted 2021 Dixie Fire affected communities of Greenville, Canyon Dam, Indian Falls, and Warner Valley; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors acknowledges the overarching purpose of the County of Plumas 2021 Dixie Fire Settlement funds which is to restore the County's long-term resilience and recovery where it is most needed; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors acknowledges limited unobligated County of Plumas 2021 Dixie Fire Settlement funds require a framework consisting of Principles and Priorities to guide the decision making and responsible use of said funds; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors acknowledges that a binding resolution establishing Principles and Priorities for the expenditure of the County of Plumas 2021 Dixie Fire Settlement funds received from PG&E will create a path forward to meet the intent of said funds as well as providing maximum transparency to the public in the expenditure of said funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Supervisors of the County of Plumas, State of California, shall expend unobligated County of Plumas 2021 Dixie Fire Settlement funds while following these principles:

- Value readiness and ensure transparency and accountability.
- Leverage resources and avoid duplication, build community resilience, and sustain recovery efforts to maximize long-term impact.
- Restore the County's stability and protect its future sustainability.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board of Supervisors shall prioritize the expenditure of the County of Plumas 2021 Dixie Fire Settlement funds while implementing these priorities:

- Support recovery and rebuilding projects and programs in the most impacted 2021 Dixie Fire affected communities of Greenville, Canyon Dam, Indian Falls, and Warner Valley.
- Rebuild non-County-owned public infrastructure in the most impacted 2021 Dixie Fire affected communities of Greenville, Canyon Dam, Indian Falls, and Warner Valley.
- Rebuild the Sheriff's Substation, Greenville Library, and Greenville Town Hall County-owned public infrastructure and reimburse County organizational losses.

The foregoing was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Plumas, State of California, at a regular meeting of said Board on the 6th day of May 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors: Goss, Hall, Engel, Ceresola, McGowan
NOES: Supervisors:
ABSENT: Supervisors:
ABSTAIN: Supervisors:

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Kevin Goss, Chair
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Allen Hiskey
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Approved as to form:

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