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Meeting Date Requested:	
12/22/15	

To: Board of Supervisors

Date: December 15, 2015

From: Jon Hopkins, Director
 (Department Head - please type)

Phone Ext. X759

Department Head Signature *[Signature]*

Agenda Title: Volcano Communications Group Fiber Infrastructure Improvements

Summary: (Provide detailed summary of the purpose of this item; attach additional page if necessary)

Please see the attached memorandum.

Recommendation/Requested Action:
Approve the Right-of-Way Easement and Authorize the Chairman to sign and record the Right-of-Way Easement documents

Fiscal Impacts (attach budget transfer form if appropriate) N/A Staffing Impacts N/A

Is a 4/5ths vote required? Yes No

Contract Attached: Yes No N/A
 Resolution Attached: Yes No N/A
 Ordinance Attached: Yes No N/A

Committee Review? Name _____ N/A

Comments: Map attached

Request Reviewed by:

Chairman _____ Counsel _____
 Auditor _____ GSA Director *[Signature]*
 CAO _____ Risk Management _____

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GSA-Jon Hopkins

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

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PHONE: (209) 223-6759 FAX: (209) 223-0749 E-MAIL: jhopkins@amadorgov.org



SUMMARY MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jon Hopkins, Director *JH*

DATE: December 15, 2015

RE: Volcano Communications Group

On September 22, 2015 the Board approved Volcano Communications Group (Volcano) extending a fiber line to the Veterans Services Officer (VSO) office. The project is estimated to save the VSO approximately \$1200.00 per year, as Volcano is offering no monthly service charges to the VSO by leasing a fiber line free to the County in lieu of allowing access through the GSA property and down Airport Road.

Volcano worked with County Counsel and the GSA Director to develop an easement for this project. Volcano has obtained a utility encroachment permit from Public Works for work on Airport (permit number U 15043). Attached is a Right-of-Way Easement and map depicting the fiber run, and the last unresolved administrative work needing to be completed in order to provide a notice to proceed.

Recommendation: Approve the Right-of-Way Easement and Authorize the Chairman to sign and record the Right-of-Way Easement documents

Cc: Chuck Iley, CAO



November 25, 2015

Mr. Jon Hopkins
Director of General Services
12200-B Airport Road
Jackson, CA 95642

Dear Mr. Hopkins, this letter is to confirm our verbal agreement that upon the granting of a Right-Of-Way Easement crossing the asphalt paving between the County GSA Building and County Archives Building, Volcano Communications Group would provide a fiber optic communications circuit to be utilized by The County of Amador, for inter-building data transmission only. The fiber communications circuit will consist of two (2) strands of single mode "dark" fiber originating at the fiber cross connect panel at the GSA Building at 12200-B Airport Road and terminate at a county designated location within The Amador County Veterans Office located at 12134 Airport Road. It would be the County's responsibility to provide, install and maintain the electronics associated with this fiber circuit to allow its functionality. The dark fiber circuit associated with this agreement is to be utilized by the County of Amador as an internal, inter-building, data connection only and is not to be used to provide connectivity to any other communications provider's network or to provide a connection to any other network other than the County of Amador.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John M. Lundgren', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

John M. Lundgren
Vice President
Volcano Communications Group

CC:

Steve Stone
Frank Leschinsky
Jeff White
Maria Irmer

Recording Requested by and When Recorded Return to:

Volcano Communications Group
Attn: Engineering / Right-Of-Way
P.O. Box 1070
Pine Grove, CA 95665-1070

The undersigned declares no documentary transfer tax due.

RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT

The undersigned, AMADOR COUNTY, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION, OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA ("Grantor"), for valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, hereby grants to Volcano Telephone Company and Volcano Vision, Inc., both California corporations, and their affiliated telecommunications companies (collectively, "Grantee"), an easement and right of way to construct, maintain, use, operate, inspect, repair, remove, and upgrade telecommunications facilities and equipment, including but not limited to, cables, wires, conduits, manholes, terminals, repeaters, handholes, markers, and other reasonably necessary telecommunication facilities and appurtenances related thereto; to reconstruct, replace, and substitute for such facilities and equipment; and to add additional facilities and equipment as Grantee shall from time to time deem necessary, or as appropriate to accommodate advances in technology, and to remove such facilities and equipment as Grantee may from time to time require along, over, in, under, and upon a strip of land described more particularly in Exhibit A "and shown on Exhibit 'C' attached hereto and incorporated herein across the land described in Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein ("Grantor's Property") which Grantor owns or in which Grantor has any interest located with the County of Amador, State of California.

Grantor also grants to Grantee and its employees, agents, and contractors the right of ingress to and egress from the easement and right-of-way over Grantor's Property for the purpose of exercising the rights granted herein. The burden and benefit of the covenants set forth in this instrument shall run with Grantor's Property and shall inure to the benefit of, and be binding upon, the parties and their respective heirs, successors, and assigns.

Grantee shall reasonably exercise the rights granted herein, and Grantee shall be liable for any damage caused to Grantor's Property by any negligent act or omission by Grantee or its employees, agents, or contractors while exercising the rights granted herein.

Executed this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Grantor:

By _____

Name _____

Title:

Name _____

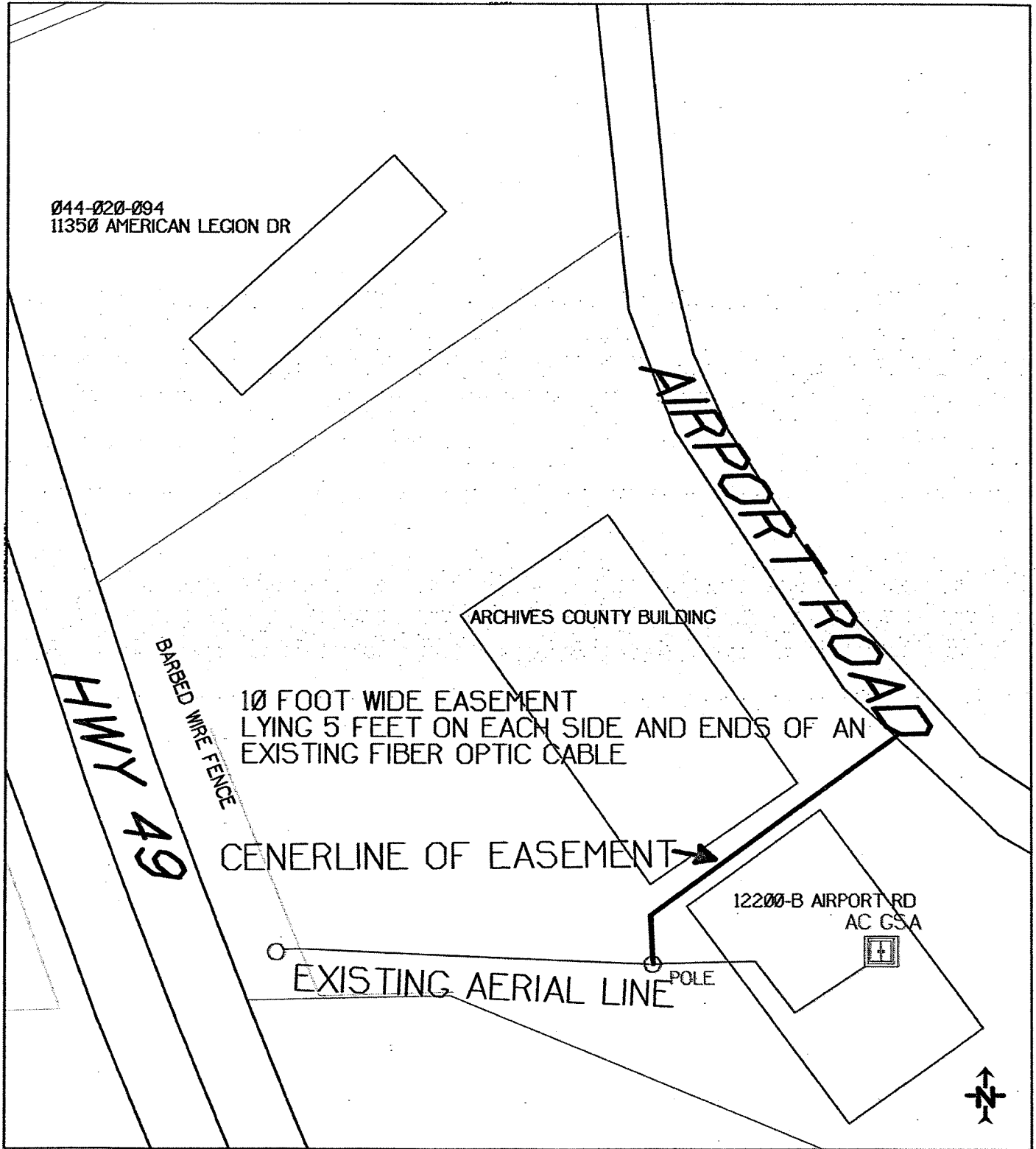
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EXHIBIT A
Legal Description of Easement

An easement is further described as being a 10 foot wide utility easement lying 5 foot on each side of the fiber optic cable center line, beginning from the existing aerial line pole to Airport Road lying primarily between the County's WareHouse and General Services Building as depicted in Exhibit C. Parcel 044-010-116-000 Amador County.

EXHIBIT B
Legal Description of Grantor's Property

An easement on a parcel of land owned by said grantor situated in the County of Amador, State of California, being sections 17 & 18. portion of T.6N., R. 10E., & portion of 6.N., R. 11E., M.D.B. & M 12200 Airport road, Jackson CA., Parcel 044-010-116-000 Amador County.



Volcano Communications

11/4/2015

EXHIBIT 'C'

AGENDA TRANSMITTAL FORM

To: **Board of Supervisors**
Date: 12/17/2015
From: Brian Oneto, Chairman
(Department Head - please type)

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Agenda Title: **State Responsibility Area Wildfire Protection Grant**

Summary: (Provide detailed summary of the purpose of this item; attach additional page if necessary)

Approval for the CalAm Forestry Group to submit the subject Grant application.

Recommendation/Requested Action:

Fiscal Impacts (attach budget transfer form if appropriate)

Staffing Impacts

Is a 4/5ths vote required? Yes No

Contract Attached: Yes No N/A
Resolution Attached: Yes No N/A
Ordinance Attached: Yes No N/A

Committee Review? N/A

Name _____

Committee Recommendation: _____

Comments: _____

Request Reviewed by:

Chairman _____ Counsel _____

Auditor _____ GSA Director _____

CAO _____ Risk Management _____

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DATE: December 16, 2015
TO: Amador Board of Supervisors
FROM: CalAm Forestry Team
SUBJ: SRA Grant Requests for Fuels Reduction

A couple of Amador Board of Supervisors meetings ago the CalAm Forestry Team advised the Board they would repackage portions of the rejected Greenhouse Gas Reduction Grant from last June into requests for SRA (State Responsibility Area) Grants by the County. The SRA Grants are funded with the money extracted by the State from rural residents for fire protection. The SRA Grants are administered by CALFIRE, no involvement by the CA Air Resources Board. The cap per application is \$100K. Applications are due January 7. Our thought is to focus on Shake Ridge Road, seeking @\$190K in two grant requests. To refresh your memories, attached is the memo from May 7, 2015 describing the proposed work and budget from the previous submission. We are coordinating with Public Works to focus on priorities for fuels treatment, so if Shake Ridge is already being treated, we will address the next priorities.

DATE: May 7, 2015
TO: Amador Board of Supervisors
CC: Aaron Brusatori
FROM: John Hofmann, Jan Bray, John Heissenbuttel, Tom Lowry (a.k.a. Forester Team)
SUBJ: Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund Forest Management Grants

Issue before the Board

Determine if Amador County should pursue the grant and if so, based on Board discussion and public comments, how the grant proposal might be improved.

BACKGROUND

Greenhouse Gas Reduction Grants. The Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund was established by state law to receive Cap and Trade Auction proceeds. A portion of these proceeds (\$42 million of the \$872 million collected) through the Governor's Budget Act of 2014 were designated to issue grants for forest management projects that lead to reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions or an increase of carbon storage (tree growth). The forest management grants will be managed by CAL FIRE in cooperation with the California Air Resources Board. Under this program grants are available to local governments or non-profits for projects such as tree thinning to improve forest growth, reforestation to establish new forests, and fuels reduction for wildfire hazard reduction. It is the latter category for which the Forester Team has been working with the County to pursue a GHG Reduction Grant.

County Involvement. At the November 4, 2014 meeting of the Board of Supervisors, John Heissenbuttel reported on a November 3 public briefing by CAL FIRE describing grants that are available to public agencies for GHG reduction. As John explained, there is significant funding for fuel reduction to mitigate the threat of wildfire throughout the state. These grants are especially attractive because they appear to be annual rather than a one-time event. To qualify for these grants a qualified organization must have submitted a "concept proposal" by November 21, 2014. John Heissenbuttel said he would work with John Hofmann, the Board's natural resource consultant, to develop a proposal as the BOS seemed very interested.

Together with two other professional foresters in the county (Jan Bray and Tom Lowry), and under then-Chairman Novelli's signature, we submitted a concept proposal (attached). We believed it was a solid proposal that will serve to significantly improve protection from wildfire in Amador County if funded. Apparently CAL FIRE agreed as they have invited the county to submit a full proposal which is due by a recently extended deadline of June 10 (see attached February 20, 2014 letter).

In brief, the proposal is for funding to reduce fuel loading along specific county roads which can serve as fuel breaks (fire lines) and critical escape routes for county residents. The concepts are drawn from existing Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPPs) within Amador County. In addition, the proposal uses the recently completed MACA Study (Mokelumne Watershed Avoided Cost Analysis) which concluded that it does indeed make sense to increase investment in proactive forest management (fuel treatments) to reduce the risk of large, damaging fires. The amount requested in the concept proposal was \$900 thousand based on the roads initially selected in this proposal.

Current Situation. The Forester Team has been working with the Public Works Department to refine the list of roads to be included in the final proposal (full application form attached). At present the list of roads in priority order are:

1. **Shake Ridge Road.** From Hwy. 88 to Rams Horn Grade. From Hale Road to Pine Gulch Road.
2. **Clinton Road.** From Hwy. 88 to Butte Mtn. Road, Jackson.
3. **Butte Mtn. Road.** From western end of Butte Mtn. Road to Butte Mtn. Cutoff.
4. **Butte Mtn. Cutoff.** From Butte Mtn. Road to Clinton Road.
5. **Tabaud Road.** From Hwy. 88 to East Clinton Road.
6. **Lupe Road.** From Ridge Road to Marble Quarry Road.
7. **Silver Drive.** From Hwy. 88 to Cedar Heights Dr. This includes all side roads with work on Barton Road ending at Madrone Dr.
8. **Carson Drive.** From Hwy. 88 to Carson Dr. Circle. This includes all side roads with work on Lodestar Way ending at Bonanza Dr. and work on Meadow Crest Dr. ending at Stirnaman Mine Rd.
9. **Pioneer Creek Road.** From Buckhorn Ridge Road to Pioneer Creek.
10. **Buckhorn Ridge Road.** From Pioneer Creek Road to Hwy. 88.
11. **Charleston Road.** From the town of Volcano to Ponderosa Way.

The project will be accomplished with hand crews utilizing chainsaws, a chipper, a boom truck and herbicides. The goal is to reduce the fuel loading of varying widths from the edge of the road surface as conditions warrant and easements allow. The intent is to treat 30 feet on either side of the road edge, which will provide, on average, an 80 foot fuel break to reduce the spread of wildfire and improve the safety of public escape routes. The actual width of the treatment area will be limited by fence lines and easements/right-of-ways. The hand work will be conducted by a combination of the county road maintenance crew, the Pine Grove CYA camp and local contractors.

Within the treatment areas, all brush species will be removed; conifers and hardwood species up to 9 inches in diameter (as measured 4.5' above ground) will be thinned. The remaining trees will be pruned up to 14 feet from the ground. All vegetation removed will be chipped and scattered on site.

The amount of the grant request will be between \$500 thousand and \$700 thousand. This is: (1) based on costs provided by Public Works for roadside clearing; (2) estimates from the Forester Team for time required to conduct the GHG analysis, prepare a comprehensive prescription for fuels reduction and provide oversight of implementation of the prescription; and (3) overhead costs for County administration.

The competition for grant funding will be very intense. The amount of funding requested by those invited to submit full proposals exceeds the amount available by six times. We believe Amador County's submission will be compelling. As such, no compensation for the Forester Team is expected unless the grant is secured. Regardless of the outcome, the county will be in a much better position for next year's grant process.