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TO: Board of Supervisors
Agenda Date: June 27, 2017

FROM: Maurice L. Anderson, Director

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "MLA", is written over the name "Maurice L. Anderson, Director".

SUBJECT: Provide direction to staff regarding a possible ordinance to allow medical helipads in appropriate zones with a Use Permit

ACTION REQUESTED:

1. Receive report; and
2. Provide direction to staff.

SUMMARY

The purpose of this Board letter is to allow the Board to provide direction to staff as to whether the Board would like to consider an ordinance amending Title 18 (zoning) of the Lassen County Code to allow medical helipads in certain zoning districts with a Use Permit. Staff would bring an ordinance for the Board's consideration at a future meeting, and provide more information as to appropriate zoning districts. The Use Permit would be subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Currently, medical helipads can be considered with a Use Permit only in the M-2 (Heavy Industrial) zoning District. For a Use Permit for a medical helipad to be considered in any zone other than the M-2, a rezone application must be submitted and approved. The result is that the environmental review required for a medical helipad must also analyze all the impacts from all the uses that are allowed in the M-2 District but were not allowed in the existing zoning District.

This unnecessarily complicates the environmental review, making it difficult for the medical helipad Use Permit to be considered.

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GFN/c/Board/Helipad zoning/Bdltr