



LASSEN COUNTY

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Date: August 21, 2018

To: Chris Gallagher, Chairman
Lassen County Board of Supervisors

From: Barbara Longo, Director
Health and Social Services

Subject: Termination of the Lassen County Mortgage Inspection Program

Background:

Since 1977, Lassen County Environmental Health has been providing no-cost sewer and well inspections for new homebuyers to satisfy mortgage loan conditions. However, laws enacted by the state over time have created several new environmental health programs and/or increased the complexity of existing programs. As a result, non-statutory requests for services, such as mortgage inspections, receive a lower priority and a possible delay in completing the request.

Mortgage inspections are not required by law and may be completed by local certified septic pumpers and well pump installers.

Eliminating the Lassen County Mortgage Inspection Program will likely result in new homebuyers being able to receive more timely septic and well mortgage inspections.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no impact to County General Fund.

Action Requested:

Adopt the Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF LASSEN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
TERMINATING THE LASSEN COUNTY MORTGAGE INSPECTION PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, since 1977, Lassen County Environmental Health Department has been conducting well and septic system inspections for home buyers at no cost, as a courtesy service, commonly known as the Mortgage Inspection Program because there was limited public information about the location and construction of septic systems and wells in the County; and,

WHEREAS, in 1983, the Department began approving septic system installations, which before that time was performed by the Lassen County Building Department, for recording the size, location of septic system installation and repairs in Lassen County; and

WHEREAS, in 1988 the Lassen County Board of Supervisors adopted a well ordinance codified in Lassen County Code Chapter 7.28 Water Wells for the purpose of regulating the construction, repair, modification and destruction of wells in such a manner that the groundwater of Lassen County will not be contaminated or polluted and that water obtained from wells will be suitable for beneficial use and will not jeopardize the health, safety or welfare of the people of Lassen County; and

WHEREAS, well and septic system testing and inspections and researching public records may be performed by qualified firms and individuals for home buyers; and

WHEREAS, the County is not required by law to have a Mortgage Inspection Program; and

WHEREAS, terminating the County's no-cost Mortgage Inspection Program would not preclude home buyers and qualified firms and individuals from performing inspecting and testing of wells and septic systems, including researching for public information on file with the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lassen County Board of Supervisors is terminating the Mortgage Inspection Program effective immediately and requesting that persons who are in the process of obtaining a courtesy mortgage inspection service from the Lassen County Department of Environmental Health schedule the final inspection(s) no later than Friday, September 28, 2018.

The foregoing resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lassen, State of California, held on the 21st day of August 2018, by the following vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

Chris Gallagher
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors,
County of Lassen, State of California

ATTEST:
JULIE BUSTAMANTE
Clerk of the Board

By: _____
Michele Yderraga, Deputy Clerk of the Board

I, Michele Yderraga, Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Lassen, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the said Board of Supervisors at a regular meeting thereof held on the 21st day of August 2018.

Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Lassen