



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Department Name:** CEO/OEM  
**Department No.:** 012  
**For Agenda Of:** 07/21/15  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department           Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer  
          Director  
          Contact Info:        Ryan Rockabrand, Director of Emergency Services  
**SUBJECT:**    **Refugio Oil Spill – Re-ratification of Proclamation of Local Emergency – Refugio Beach Oil Spill**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:**

As to form: NA

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: NA

**Recommended Actions:**

- a) Adopt a Resolution re-ratifying the Proclamation of a Local Emergency related to Refugio Beach Oil Spill declared by the Director of Emergency Management on May 20, 2015, when the Board of Supervisors was not in session, pursuant to Government Code Section 8850 et. Seq. and Chapter 12, Section 12-5(a) of the Santa Barbara County Code (Attachment A); and
- b) Direct the Office of Emergency Management to return monthly for re-ratification of the Emergency until such a time that weather and water supply conditions dictate otherwise; and,
- c) Determine that this project was found by your Board to be exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b) (3) and 15269(a), and that the proposed actions are within the scope of the prior CEQA exemption.

**Summary Text:**

On May 19, 2015, a pipeline ruptured on the Gaviota Coast, west of Refugio State Park, causing an oil spill. The initial estimate of the release was greater than 500 barrels (approximately 21,000 gallons) with a substantial portion of the release migrated into the Pacific Ocean. An updated report, based on pipeline flow rate and elevation profile is that approximately 2,500 barrels (101,000 gallons) of crude oil was released.

On May 20, 2015, the Governor's Office declared a state of emergency in Santa Barbara County. That same day, the County Executive Officer acting as the Director of Emergency Management proclaimed a local emergency to assist with the response; the proclamation is effective for a period of seven days unless ratified by the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors ratified that emergency proclamation on May 25, 2015. The City of Goleta also issued an emergency proclamation, and the University of California, Santa Barbara issued a campus emergency.

**Response Efforts**

The County is not leading this effort but is part of a Unified Command response. The Unified Command includes United States Coast Guard, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Office of Spill Prevention and Response, the Santa Barbara Office of Emergency Management and the responsible party, Plains All American Pipeline.

The Incident Command Post is overseeing operations in Santa Barbara County. Active field operations are ongoing in Divisions I, J, and K encompassing 13.92 miles of shoreline. Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Teams (SCAT) Phase II endpoints have been achieved for 96% of the impacted shoreline. The remaining 4% is confined to Divisions I, J, and K. The majority of oiling is located on beaches, cobble, riprap, and upon rock faces between Arroyo Hondo and El Capitan Beach. These areas are being targeted for manual removal.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: No

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Narrative: Associated costs incurred by the County are being tracked and will be processed following the U.S. Coast Guard claiming requirements.

**Special Instructions:**

Direct Clerk of the Board to send a copy of the minute order to

Office of Emergency Management, Att: Ryan Rockabrand

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: Resolution Re-ratifying the Proclamation of Local Emergency Proclamation

**Authored by:**

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**cc:**