

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA



A PROCLAMATION
OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS on November 13, 2008, a wildfire started in Santa Barbara County and continues to spread; and
WHEREAS the fire has burned approximately 2,500 acres with no containment; and
WHEREAS the fire has already injured 10 people, destroyed over 100 homes, and caused loss of power in the area; and

WHEREAS the fire has required mandatory evacuations and road closures, and residents have been forced to seek emergency shelter; and

WHEREAS on November 13, 2008, I requested, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency granted, a Fire Management Assistance Grant for this fire; and

WHEREAS on November 13, 2008, the City of Santa Barbara and Santa Barbara County declared a local emergency, and requested that I declare a state of emergency; and

WHEREAS the circumstances of this wildfire, by reason of their magnitude, are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of any single county, city and county, or city and require the combined forces of a mutual aid region or regions to combat; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of section 8558(b) of the California Government Code, I find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property exist due to the fire in Santa Barbara County.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER**, Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the state Constitution and statutes, including the California Emergency Services Act, and in particular, section 8625 of the California Government Code, HEREBY PROCLAIM A STATE OF EMERGENCY to exist within Santa Barbara County.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all agencies of the state government utilize and employ state personnel, equipment and facilities for the performance of any and all activities consistent with the direction of my Office of Emergency Services (OES) and the State Emergency Plan, and that OES provide local government assistance under the authority of the California Disaster Assistance Act.

I FURTHER DIRECT that as soon as hereafter possible, this proclamation be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this proclamation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 14th Day of November 2008.

Handwritten signature of Arnold Schwarzenegger in black ink.
ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER
Governor of California

ATTEST:

DEBRA BOWEN
Secretary of State



**PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY
BY DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
REQUESTING GOVERNOR TO
PROCLAIM A STATE OF EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, Chapter 12, Section 6 (b) of the Santa Barbara County Code, empowers the County of Santa Barbara, Director of Emergency Services, to proclaim a local emergency if the Board of Supervisors is not in session; and

WHEREAS, Section 8558 (c) of the Government Code defines a "Local Emergency" as: "the duly proclaimed existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the territorial limits of a county, city and county, or city, caused by such conditions as air pollution, fire, flood, storm, epidemic, riot, drought, sudden and severe energy shortage, plant or animal infestation or disease, the Governor's warning of an earthquake or volcanic prediction, or an earthquake, or other conditions, other than conditions resulting from a labor controversy, which are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of that political subdivision and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat, or with respect to regulated energy utilities, a sudden and severe energy shortage requires extraordinary measures beyond the authority vested in the California Public Utilities Commission"; and,

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services finds that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property as a result of the Tea Fire necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency within the County of Santa Barbara; and,

WHEREAS, the Tea Fire began on November 13, 2008 at approximately 1550. By 1900 hours it had grown to approximately 300 acres, lead to mandatory evacuations, loss of structures, personal injuries and power outages ; and,

WHEREAS, major populated areas are burning and threatened to burn. The Tea Fire has required extensive local and state fire resources. These conditions constitute a local emergency as defined in Government Code Section 8558, subdivision (c); and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County is not in session;

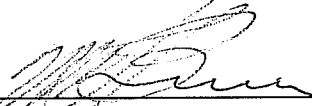
1. **NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED** that a local emergency now exists in the County of Santa Barbara; and,
2. That all the recitals set forth herein above are true, correct, and valid; and,
3. That conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the County of Santa Barbara have arisen as a result of the Tea Fire, commencing on November 13, 2008. The Tea Fire has grown to over 300 acres and is burning in populated areas, critical power lines have been compromised, structures have been lost, individuals have suffered burn injuries, and mandatory evacuations are in place. The Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County is not in session and said conditions constitute a local emergency as defined in Government Code Section 8558, subdivision (c); and,

4. These conditions of extreme peril are not the results of labor controversy; and,
5. That in furtherance of this proclamation of local emergency, there is hereby invoked in the County of Santa Barbara all of the powers and mechanisms set forth in the California Emergency Services Act (Government Code sections 8550 et seq.), Santa Barbara County Code, Chapter 12, Section 6 and all other applicable laws, as said powers and mechanisms may hereafter be used by authorized personnel of the County of Santa Barbara; and,
6. That, pursuant to Santa Barbara County Code, Chapter 12, Section 6(a)(6)(C) and (D), the Director of Emergency Services is empowered to require the emergency services of any county officer or employee and to requisition necessary personnel or material of any county department or agency; and,
7. That a copy of this Proclamation of Local Emergency shall be posted on all outside public access doors of the County Administration Building in Santa Barbara. Personnel of said County shall make copies of this Proclamation available to news media and available on the County's web site (www.countyofsb.org); and,
8. That this Proclamation of Local Emergency shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect for a period of seven (7) days from the date hereof, unless ratified by the Board of Supervisors, and extended, or unless sooner terminated.

IT IS ORDERED that a copy of this proclamation be forwarded to the State Director of Emergency Services and the Governor of California with a request that the Governor proclaim Santa Barbara County to be in a State of Emergency.

Dated: November 13, 2008

Time: 21:40



County Executive Officer
Director of Emergency Services
County of Santa Barbara

PROCLAMATION OF EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, section 9.116.050 of the Municipal Code of the City of Santa Barbara empowers the Director of Emergency Services "to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a disaster or an emergency" when the City Council is not in session; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services of the City of Santa Barbara does hereby find:

1. That conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within said City, caused by fire commencing on the 13th of November 2008; and
2. That the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara is not in session; and
3. That this proclamation is subject to City Council confirmation at the November 18, 2008 Council meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a local emergency now exists throughout said City; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of this City shall be those prescribed by State law, by ordinances, and resolutions of the City, and by the City of Santa Barbara's Emergency Plan

DATED: 11/13/08

BY: 