



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number: 14-00090

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: CEO
Department No.: 012
For Agenda Of: 05/06/14
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department: Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer, 568-3400 *JK*
Director(s)
Contact Info: Ryan Rockabrand, Director of Emergency Management, 681-5532 *RR*

Re-Ratification Drought Proclamation Passed April 16, 2014, All Supervisorial Districts, (Fifth Month Renewal)

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

- a) Adopt the Resolution Re-ratifying the Proclamation of a Local Emergency for Drought and Water Supply Conditions that exist in Santa Barbara County pursuant to Government Code Section 8630(c). (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.
- 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 January 15, 2014, the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Declared 27 Counties in California, including Santa Barbara County, to be designated as primary natural disaster areas due to drought conditions. Subsequently, on January 17th, 2014, the Governor declared a statewide State of Emergency for Drought in the State of California. In turn, on the same date the Santa Barbara

County Director of Emergency Services signed a Proclamation for a Local Emergency for Drought as well. Part of the Governor’s declaration and the County’s includes a call for voluntary 20% water reduction by residents.

Cachuma Operations & Maintenance Board (COMB) has been working on plans for an Emergency Pumping Project to pump water into the Tecolote Tunnel if the reservoir levels drop below the ability to gravity feed the South Coast. Although it is difficult to estimate precisely when the need for emergency pumping will be realized, COMB estimates on or around September 1 of 2014 with a total cost of anywhere between three to five million dollars.

Background:

Re-ratifying the Proclamation for a Local Emergency due to drought conditions falls in line with the Governor’s Declaration and the USDA’s Declaration.

The USDA’s Declaration makes farm operators in primary counties and those counties contiguous to such primary counties eligible to be considered for certain assistance from the Farm Service Agency (FSA), provided eligibility requirements are met. This assistance includes FSA emergency loans. Farmers in eligible counties have 8 months from the date of a Secretarial disaster declaration to apply for emergency loans. FSA considers each emergency loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of production losses on the farm, and the security and repayment ability of the operator.

The County Office of Emergency Management is currently in a level two activation—essential staffing for centralized coordination and decentralized direction. It continues to monitor conditions and coordinate county communication and outreach plans with all stakeholder agencies via the Drought Task Force (DTF) established by the CEO. The DTF has been meeting biweekly and has developed.

Government Code Section 8630(c) requires the Board to review the need for the continued existence of the Proclamation of Local Emergency at least every 30 days. Government Code Section 8630(d) requires termination of the Proclamation of Local Emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Sources	Current FY Cost:	Annualized On-going Cost:	Total One-Time Project Cost
General Fund	\$ 27,639.69		
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:	\$ 23,160.57		
Total	\$ 50,800.26	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative: The CEO established a project code for tracking staffing costs and time associated with drought activities. For this fiscal year, costs for management of emergency drought conditions have been reported by the CEO's Office of Emergency Management and Public Works' Department Flood Control and Water Agency Divisions; minor costs have been reported by Agricultural Commissioner and Parks Department totaling \$1,148.56. Of the combined \$50,800 across county activities, \$1,333 was spent on non-personnel expenditures pertaining mostly to outreach efforts on drought conditions.

Staffing Impacts:

Although there are no FTE personnel resourced to management of the drought, labor hours as reported county-wide year to date approximately 594 for emergency drought management.

Special Instructions:

Director the Clerk of the Board to send a copy of the minute order of these actions to the following:

Office of Emergency Management, ATT: Ryan Rockabrand
Flood Control District office: ATTN: Christina Lopez

Attachments:

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

Authored by: Ryan Rockabrand, Director Emergency Management, 681-5532

cc:

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**IN THE MATTER OF RATIFYING
PROCLAMATION OF THE EXISTENCE
OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY CAUSED BY
DROUGHT CONDITIONS**

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, Government Code, Sections 8558 and 8630, et seq., and Chapter 12 of the Santa Barbara County Code empower the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the County is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the Board of Supervisors is not in session, subject to ratification by the Board of Supervisors within seven days; and

WHEREAS, drought conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within this County; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services of the County of Santa Barbara did proclaim the existence of a Local Emergency Caused by Drought Conditions within Santa Barbara County on the 17th day of January 2014, at 2:00 p.m., at which time the Board of Supervisors was not in session and

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2014 the Board of Supervisors found that conditions of extreme peril warranted and necessitated the ratification of the Proclamation of Local Emergency Caused by Drought Conditions; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 8630(c) requires the Board of Supervisors to review the need for the continued existence of a Proclamation of Local Emergency at least every 30 days and Government Code Section 8630(d) requires termination of a Proclamation of Local Emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant; and

WHEREAS, drought conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property in Santa Barbara County persist, and warrant the ongoing Proclamation of Local Emergency Caused by Drought.

WHEREAS, the State of California declared a Drought State of Emergency effective the 17th day of January 2014; the State is experiencing record dry conditions, with 2014 projected to become the driest year on record. The Drought State of Emergency remains in place; and

WHEREAS, the State's water supplies have dipped to alarming levels, indicated by: snowpack in California's mountains is approximately 20 percent of the normal average for this

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date; California’s largest water reservoirs have very low water levels for this time of year; California’s major river systems, including the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers, have significantly reduced surface water flows; and groundwater levels throughout the state have dropped significantly.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that the conditions warranting the Proclamation of Local Emergency Caused by Drought Conditions continue to exist and the Proclamation of the Local Emergency Caused by Drought Conditions shall remain in place; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that the Local Emergency Caused by Drought Conditions will be terminated at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California this _____ day of May, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

**Chair, Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Barbara**

ATTEST:
MONA MIYASATO
CLERK OF THE BOARD

By _____
Deputy

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:
MICHAEL C. GHIZZONI
COUNTY COUNSEL

By  _____
Deputy

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CHIEF
RYAN ROCKABRAND
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

By  _____