



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:** 06/23/15  
**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 Management  
**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 8550 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 time that response and recovery 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 26, 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 County offered its Emergency Operations Center to the Unified Command for the Incident Command Post and EOC operations. On May 21, 2015, the County Office of Emergency Management activated the County's EOC to provide additional assistance to the effort.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: No

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Narrative: Associated costs incurred by the County are being tracked and will be processed in accordance with the Oil Pollution Act of 1990.

**Special Instructions:**

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

Office of Emergency Management, Attn: Ryan Rockabrand

**Attachments:**

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

Attachment B: Proclamation of Local Emergency

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**cc:**