



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: 01/09/18
Placement: X-Agenda
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department: Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer/ Director of
Director: Emergency Services
Contact Info: Robert Lewin, Director of Emergency Management
SUBJECT: Storm Emergency - Proclamation Ratification

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 ratifying the Proclamation of a Local Emergency related to the Storm Emergency declared by the Director of Emergency Services on January 8, 2018, 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;
- b) Direct the Office of Emergency Management to return monthly for re-ratification of the Emergency until such time that the response and recovery conditions dictate otherwise; and
- c) Determine the above actions are not a "Project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines, because the actions consist of organizational or administrative activities of the government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the Board of Supervisors' Agenda in order to adopt a Resolution ratifying the Proclamation Local Emergency related to the Storm Emergency declared by the Director of Emergency Services on January 8, 2018. On January 8, 2018, a series of storms ("**Storms**") began impacting Santa Barbara County, including areas that have been burned by the Thomas Fire. The Thomas Fire which began on December 4, 2017, is now the largest wildfire in California history. The Thomas Fire has burned 281,893

acres, and is now only 92% contained. The Thomas Fire has burned significant portions of critical watershed, and now poses serious risks of flooding and debris flow in major population centers. The Storms also create serious threats of flooding and debris flows in the recent burn areas of the Whittier Fire, Alamo Fire, Sherpa Fire and Rey Fire.

Mandatory Evacuation Orders and Evacuation Warnings for over 25,000 residents living in flood and debris prone areas, were issued on January 7, 2018, to alert individuals of the need to evacuate areas by noon on January 8, 2018. Evacuation shelters for residents and animals have been opened. The Emergency Operations Center is fully activated.

On January 8, 2018, when the Board of Supervisors was not in session, the County Executive Officer, as the Director of Emergency Services, proclaimed a local emergency to assist with the response; the proclamation terminates unless ratified by the Board of Supervisors within seven days.

The proclamation was issued by the Director of Emergency Services on behalf of the entire Santa Barbara County Operational Area. The proclamation covers cities, unincorporated county areas, and special districts.

Fiscal Analysis:

Estimates of the fiscal impact to the County will be conducted and reported to the Board at future meetings.

Special Instructions:

Direct Clerk of the Board to send a copy of the minute order to:
Office of Emergency Management, Attn: Robert Lewin

Attachments:

Attachment A: Resolution Ratifying the Proclamation of Local Emergency Proclamation

Authored by:

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cc:

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