



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number: 1

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: CEO/OEM
Department No.: 012
For Agenda Of: 05/26/15
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Time: 1 hr
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer
Director
Contact Info: Ryan Rockabrand, Director of Emergency Management
SUBJECT: Refugio Oil Spill – Update and 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) Receive and file a status report on the Refugio Beach Oil Spill and the response to date; and
- b) Adopt a Resolution 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.

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 up to 2,500 barrels (105,000 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 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.

As of the afternoon of May 22, 2015, cleanup efforts continued with personnel and booms deployed, skimmer vessels on site, overflight scene assessments, and air monitors are in place.

A further update will be provided to the Board at the May 26, 2015 Board meeting.

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, Attn: Ryan Rockabrand

Attachments:

Resolution Ratifying the Proclamation of Local Emergency Proclamation

Authored by:

Ryan Rockabrand, OEM Director

cc: