



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: CEO
Department No.: 012
For Agenda Of: October 12, 2021
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 2/3rds

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department: Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer
Director(s)
Contact Info: Kelly Hubbard, Director of Emergency Management
SUBJECT: **Proclamation of Local Emergency Caused by the Alisal Fire, All Supervisorial Districts**

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:

That the Board Supervisors:

- a) Find that due to the Alisal Fire that began on October 11, 2021, at 1430 hours, an emergency situation exists pursuant to Government Code sections 54954.2 and 54956.5 that requires immediate action, which need for action arose after the agenda for this meeting was posted; and
- b) Adopt a Resolution and Proclamation of Local Emergency Caused by the Alisal Fire that exists in Santa Barbara County pursuant to Government Code Section 8630(a); and
- c) Direct the Office of Emergency Management to return every sixty (60) days for ratification of the Emergency until such a time that conditions dictate otherwise; and
- d) Determine that these actions are exempt from the provisions of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant CEQA Guidelines section 15269.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to proclaim a local emergency caused by the Alisal Fire within the County of Santa Barbara. On October 11, 2021, at 1430 hours, a wildfire that has been named the Alisal Fire began burning in central Santa Barbara County near the Alisal Reservoir burning 6,000 acres in less than a day with 0% containment and shutting down the 101 Freeway. Evacuation Orders have been issued for approximately 270 residents and an Evacuation Warning issued for 260 residents.

Background:

The Alisal Fire is threatening as many as 100 structures, including ranches, farms, homes, state campgrounds, railway services, and County critical infrastructure. Santa Barbara County Fire has requested assistance through the Federal Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) program. Extensive smoke and ash have created Hazardous air quality. Evacuation centers have been opened for citizens and for animals.

Government Code section 8630(a) allows the County acting through the Board of Supervisors to proclaim a local emergency. Section 8630(c) requires the Board to review the need for the continued existence of the Proclamation of Local Emergency at least every 60 days and 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:

Costs continue to be compiled. Updates will be provided at future ratification Board items. The CEO will establish a project code for tracking of staffing costs and time associated with drought activities.

Staffing Impacts:

To be determined.

Special Instructions:

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

Office of Emergency Management, Attn: Sonia Thompson

Attachments:

Attachment A: Proclamation of Local Emergency Caused by the Alisal Fire

Attachment B: Resolution of Local Emergency Caused by the Alisal Fire

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