

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Michael F. Brown
County Administrator
STAFF CONTACT: Bruce Carter, OES Manager 681-5559
SUBJECT: Continuing Declaration of Local Emergency for the Gaviota Fire

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Approve the continued Local Emergency, Resolution Number 04-165, due to the ongoing Gaviota Fire.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendations are primarily aligned with Goal No. 2; Ensure the Public Health and Safety and Provide Essential Infrastructure.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

Beginning **June 5, 2004** this County of Santa Barbara has experienced conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property caused by the Gaviota Fire, at which time the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara was not in session. The County has suffered fire related damage to private and public structures/facilities. As of June 11, 2004 approximately 7,440 Acres has burned from the Gaviota Pass to Arroyo Hondo. El Capitan, Gaviota and Refugio Beach Campgrounds remain closed as of June 11, 2004. Highway 101 has reopened; however, the railroad remains closed due to fire damage to the railroad trestle at Mariposa Reina.

At 15:50 hours (3:50 p.m.) on June 6, 2004, when the Board of Supervisors was not in session, Michael F. Brown, as Director of Emergency Services proclaimed the existence of a local emergency throughout Santa Barbara County due to conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property caused by the

Gaviota Fire. On Monday, June 7, 2004, your Board approved a resolution number 04-165 ratifying this act and proclaiming the existence of a local emergency relative to the continuing fire activity.

The resolution provides that the local emergency shall continue in effect until the Board of Supervisors proclaims its termination, and that the need for the proclamation of a local emergency be reviewed every fourteen (14) days.

Mandates and Service Levels:

No change in programs or service level.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

There are no direct fiscal or facilities impacts as a result of these recommendations. However, adoption might make the County eligible for disaster relief funds otherwise not available.

Concurrence:

County Counsel
Public Works
Auditor Controller

Attachments:

Local Emergency Resolution # 04-165