



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS      Agenda Number:  
AGENDA LETTER

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Department Name:** CEO  
**Department No.:** 012  
**For Agenda Of:** December 6, 2016  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Tme:**  
**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(s)  
Contact Info:      Robert Lewin, Director of Emergency Management

**SUBJECT:**      **Re-Ratification Drought Proclamation Last Passed November 8, 2016, All  
Supervisorial Districts, (Thirty-Day Renewal)**

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**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:**

- a) Adopt the Resolution Re-ratifying the Proclamation of a Local Emergency for Drought and Water Supply Conditions that exist in Santa Barbara County pursuant to Government Code Section 8630(c). (Attachment A); and
- b) Direct the Office of Emergency Management to return monthly for re-ratification of the Emergency until such a time that weather and water supply conditions dictate otherwise.
- 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:**

This item is on the agenda to re-ratify the Drought Proclamation that was last passed on November 8, 2016.

On January 15, 2014, the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Declared 27 Counties in California, including Santa Barbara County, to be designated as primary natural disaster areas due to drought conditions. Subsequently, on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014, the Governor declared a statewide State of Emergency for Drought in the State of California. In turn, on the same date the Santa Barbara County Director of Emergency Services signed a Proclamation for a Local Emergency for Drought as well. Part of the Governor's declaration and the County's includes a call for voluntary 20% water reduction by residents. The County has exceeded this reduction.

**Background:**

Re-ratifying the Proclamation for a Local Emergency due to drought conditions falls in line with the Governor's Declaration and the USDA's Declaration.

The USDA's Declaration makes farm operators in primary counties and those counties contiguous to such primary counties eligible to be considered for certain assistance from the Farm Service Agency (FSA), provided eligibility requirements are met. This assistance includes FSA emergency loans. Farmers in eligible counties have 8 months from the date of a Secretarial disaster declaration to apply for emergency loans. FSA considers each emergency loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of production losses on the farm, and the security and repayment ability of the operator.

The County Office of Emergency Management is currently at a level one activation—essential staffing for centralized coordination and decentralized direction. OEM continues to monitor conditions and coordinate County communication and outreach plans with all stakeholder agencies to support the Drought Task Force (DTF). The DTF will convene on a regular basis, as directed by the chair, to obtain regular updates and to identify potential plans for drought response, recovery, and mitigation.

Under the current drought conditions Lake Cachuma is now at 7% with storage of 14,000 Acre-feet. This is below the level needed for the water to flow unassisted into Tecolote Tunnel and the South Coast distribution system. On August 24, 2015 pumps were activated to elevate the lake water into Tecolote Tunnel, and continue the distribution of water to the South Coast. On June 30, 2016, the Cachuma Operation and Maintenance Board relocated the emergency pumping barge in Lake Cachuma to a deeper location.

The City of Santa Barbara Desalination facility has had to delay the operation of the facility now projected to be late winter with a production of nearly 3 million gallons per day. This is equivalent to 3,125 acre-feet of water annually or about 30% of the City's demand.

Government Code Section 8630(c) requires the Board to review the need for the continued existence of the Proclamation of Local Emergency at least every 30 days. Government Code 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 re-ratification Board items.

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>FY 16-17 Costs</u>	<u>Total Inception-to-date Project Costs</u>
General Fund	\$ 3,321.05	\$ 98,048.63
State		
Federal		
Fees		
Other	-	76,703.53
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,321.05</b>	<b>\$ 174,752.16</b>

The CEO established a project code for tracking staffing costs and time associated with drought activities. Since declaration in January 2014, costs for management of emergency drought conditions have been reported by the CEO's Office of Emergency Management and Public Works' Department Flood Control and Water Agency Divisions; minor costs have been reported by Agricultural Commissioner and Parks Department.

**Staffing Impacts:**

Although there are no FTE personnel resourced to management of the drought, labor hours as reported county-wide at last analysis are approximately 2,092 for emergency drought management since tracking began in January 2014.

**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: Robert Lewin  
Flood Control District office; ATTN: Christina Lopez

**Attachments:**

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

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