



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Agenda Number:
AGENDA LETTER

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Department Name: CEO
Department No.: 012
For Agenda Of: April 10, 2018
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer
Director(s)
Contact Info: Robert Lewin, Director of Emergency Management
SUBJECT: **Re-Ratification Proclamation of Local Emergency Caused by Drought
Conditions, Last Action March 20, 2018, All Supervisorial Districts, (Thirty-Day
Renewal)**

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) Adopt a Resolution re-ratifying the Proclamation of Local Emergency Caused by Drought Conditions that exist in Santa Barbara County pursuant to Government Code Section 8630(c); 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; and
- c) Determine that this project was found by your Board to be exempt from the provisions of California Environmental Quality Act (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.

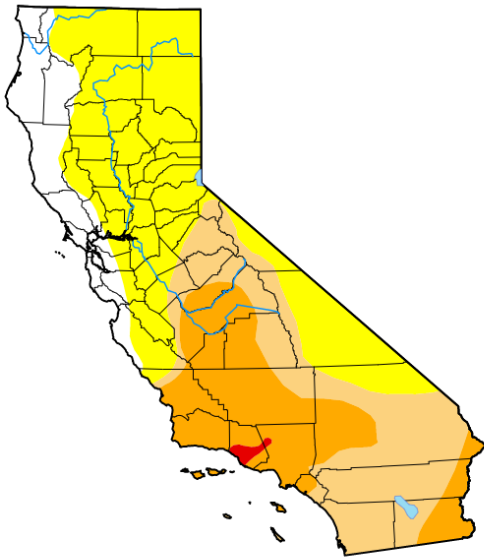
Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to re-ratify the Proclamation of Local Emergency Caused by Drought Conditions that was last re-ratified on March 20, 2018.

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. On January 17th, 2014, the Governor declared a statewide State of Emergency

for Drought. On the same date the Santa Barbara County Director of Emergency Services proclaimed a Local Emergency Caused by Drought Conditions in Santa Barbara County.

On April 7, 2017, following significant winter rains in California, Governor Edmund G. Brown issued an executive order ending the drought state of emergency, in most counties, including Santa Barbara County. Despite the Governor ending the drought state of emergency, local drought conditions continue.



Background:

Santa Barbara County is at the D2 Drought level of Severe, which warrants the re-ratification of the Local Emergency Caused by Drought Conditions. The County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is currently at a level two 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 County Drought Task Force (DTF). The DTF convenes on a regular basis, as directed by the chair, to obtain regular updates and to identify potential plans for drought response, recovery, and mitigation.

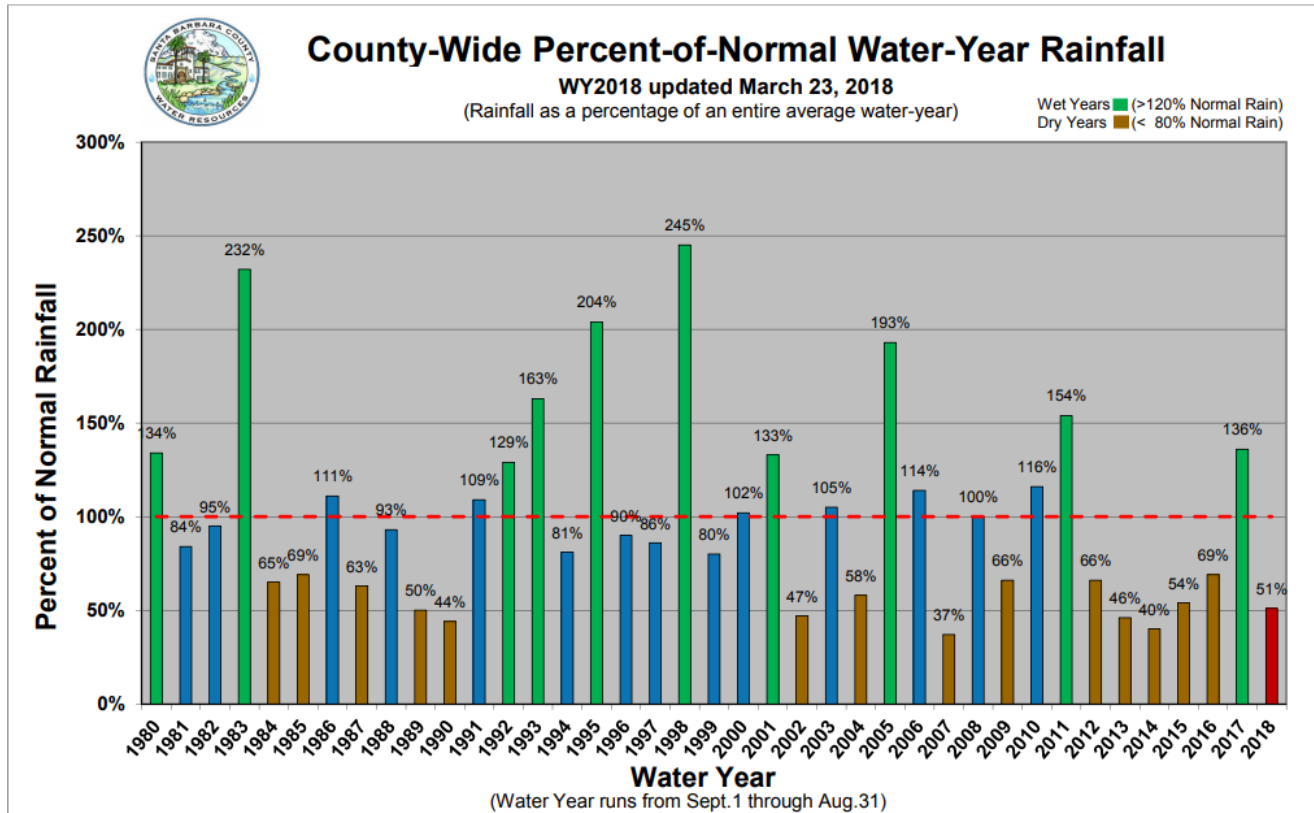
As of March 23, 2018 the capacity of Lake Cachuma is 40.2% (from a low of near 7%) with 77,683 acre-feet. This is below the capacity in January 2014 when the County Board of Supervisors first proclaimed a drought emergency.

Meanwhile, Gibraltar Reservoir (City of Santa Barbara’s reservoir) is now at 98.2% capacity, with 4,879 acre-feet. Jameson Reservoir (Montecito Water District reservoir) is at 64.4% capacity, with 3,313 acre-feet.

The City of Santa Barbara’s Desalination facility has transitioned through its start-up phase and has passed acceptance testing. The facility is producing drinking water for the City of Santa Barbara. The next milestone is for the facility to pass acceptance, which pertains to language in the contract. The facility has the capacity to produce nearly 3 million gallons of water per day, which is equivalent to 3,125 acre-feet of water annually or about 30% of the City’s demand.

The Rey Fire last year and the recent Whittier Fire both occurred in the reservoirs’ watersheds. With the Thomas Fire, all three reservoirs are now impacted significantly and will add significantly to sedimentation to the Jameson, Gibraltar, and Cachuma reservoirs depending on both the amount and the intensity of the next 2 to 3 year’s winter storms. This will impact their overall water storage capacity. In addition, water quality will be reduced with the increased sedimentation and carbon. An emergency meeting was called on December 15th of the Drought Action Work Group to provide information to the water purveyors on the significance of the fire’s impact on water supplies.

The County-wide percentage of “Normal-Water-Year” rainfall is only 51%.



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.

Funding Sources	FY 17-18 Costs to date	Total Inception-to-date Project Costs
General Fund	\$4,048	\$122,819
State		\$85,000
Federal		
Fees		
Other	\$297	\$88,766
Total	\$4,345	\$296,585

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 the Agricultural Commissioner and Parks Department.

Staffing Impacts:

Although there are no FTE personnel resourced to management of the drought, labor hours as reported countywide at last analysis are approximately 2,395 hours 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: Sonia Thompson
Flood Control District office, Attn: Christina Lopez

Attachments:

Attachment A: Resolution Re-ratifying the Proclamation of Local Emergency Caused by Drought Conditions

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