



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: February 7, 2017
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
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SUBJECT: Re-Ratification Drought Proclamation Last Passed January 10, 2017, 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:

- 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 January 10, 2017.

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 17th, 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.

Santa Barbara County and Ventura County are the only places in California that still remains at the D3 Drought level of Extreme. Northern California is no longer in a drought.

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.

Recent storms have impacted the County and have triggered the first real inflow into Lake Cachuma in many years. However, the inflow, while helping increase the capacity to almost 13% (from a low of near 7%), has not made a significant impact on available water in Cachuma for water supplies. As of February 1, 2017, Cachuma's storage was at approximately 25,000 acre-feet. Last year at this time the lake was at approximately 28,600 acre-feet. Most of the inflows this year have gone to restore existing accounts, and accrual to downstream water rights accounts. A more accurate detailed accounting of the reservoir will come in mid to late February when final accounting and measurements are completed for the lake.

Meanwhile, Gibraltar Reservoir (City of Santa Barbara reservoir) has spilled and is at its capacity of 5,200 acre-feet. Jamison Reservoir (Montecito Water District reservoir) has only received a few hundred acre-feet increase.

Therefore, water supply conditions remain critical and the emergency barge in Lake Cachuma continues to pump State Water into the Tecolote Tunnel. This State Water has become an essential source of water.

The City of Santa Barbara Desalination facility has had to delay the operation of the facility now projected to be early spring 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.

On December 12th, 2016 the State Drought Task Force convened a Field meeting with State Senator Jackson, Assemblymember Limon, local water purveyor elected officials and staff as well as County elected officials and staff. The result of the meeting was direction to initiate a Drought Action Working Group to develop strategies and projects to work on short term and long term drought issues with County OEM as the facilitator. This work has been completed and water agency staff will be going back to their water agency boards and councils during February to gain approval of the project list and letter to the State asking for assistance.

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 16-17 Costs	Total Inception-to-date Project Costs
General Fund	\$ 9,328.56	\$ 104,056.14
State		
Federal		
Fees		
Other	-	76,703.53
Total	\$ 9,328.56	\$ 180,759.67

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 countywide at last analysis are approximately 2,107 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 Drought Emergency
Proclamation

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