



PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE ALISAL FIRE AND REQUEST TO GOVERNOR NEWSOM TO PROCLAIM A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Government Code Sections 8630 *et seq.*, empowers the Board of Supervisors to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the County is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity; and

WHEREAS, section 8558 (c) of the Government Code defines a “Local Emergency” as: “the duly proclaimed existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the territorial limits of a county, city and county, or city, caused by such conditions as air pollution, fire, flood, storm, epidemic, riot, drought, sudden and severe energy shortage, plant or animal infestation or disease, the Governor's warning of an earthquake or volcanic prediction, or an earthquake, or other conditions, other than conditions resulting from a labor controversy, which conditions are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of that political subdivision and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat”; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, the Alisal Fire is causing conditions that are a threat to public health and create conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the County of Santa Barbara. These conditions are beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of the combined forces of Santa Barbara County Operational Area to combat; and

WHEREAS, these conditions warrant and necessitate that the County proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency in order to utilize all resources necessary to respond to the damage caused by the local emergency and receive any needed funding through the California Disaster Assistance Act and any other funding both State and Federal funds that may be available.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a local emergency now exists in the County of Santa Barbara for the entire Santa Barbara Operational Area and that:

1. All the recitals set forth above are true, correct, and valid; and

Proclamation of a Local Emergency
by the Director of Emergency Services
for the Alisal Fire, and to request Governor
Newsom to proclaim a State of Emergency

2. The conditions of extreme peril are not the results of labor controversy; and
3. This proclamation of local emergency, invokes in the County of Santa Barbara all powers and mechanisms set forth in the California Emergency Services Act (Government Code sections 8550 et seq.), Santa Barbara County Code, Chapter 12 and all other applicable laws, to be used by authorized personnel of the County of Santa Barbara; and
4. Pursuant to Santa Barbara County Code, Chapter 12, Sec. 12-5(b), the Director of Emergency Services is empowered to require emergency services of any county officer or employee and to requisition necessary personnel or material of any county department or agency; and
5. A copy of this Proclamation of Local Emergency shall be posted on all outside public access doors of the County Administration Building, and County personnel shall endeavor to make copies of this Proclamation available to news media; and
6. A copy of this proclamation shall be forwarded to the Director of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services requesting that the Director find it acceptable in accordance with the state law; that the Governor waive any regulations that may hinder recovery efforts and that recovery assistance be made available under the California Disaster Assistance Act or any other State and Federal funds that may be available; and
7. That this Proclamation of Local Emergency shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect for sixty (60) days, unless extended, or unless sooner terminated, and shall be reviewed by the Board of Supervisors, at least every 60 days until the Local Emergency is terminated; and
8. Governor Newsom is requested to proclaim a State of Emergency as a result of the Alisal Fire.

Dated: _____

Bob Nelson
Board of Supervisors Chair
County of Santa Barbara