



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: April 4, 2017  
Placement: Administrative  
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If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department      Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer *mm*  
Director(s)  
Contact Info:      Robert Lewin, Director of Emergency Management *rl*  
**SUBJECT:**      Re-Ratification Proclamation of Local Emergency for Drought, Last Action March  
7, 2017, 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

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board Supervisors:

- a) Adopt a Resolution re-ratifying the Proclamation of Local Emergency for Drought and Water Supply 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 for Drought that was last re-ratified on March 7, 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 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. The Drought Emergencies 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 remain at the D1 Drought level of Moderate. Northern California is no longer in a drought. The County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) 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 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.

Recent storms have impacted the County and have triggered significant inflow into Lake Cachuma. The inflow has increased the capacity to nearly 50% (from a low of near 7%). This percent capacity was last seen in August 2013, prior to the County proclaiming a drought emergency. As of March 19, 2017, Cachuma's storage was at approximately 95,000 acre-feet.

In 2015, the level of Lake Cachuma fell below the level needed for water to flow unassisted into Tecolote Tunnel requiring a pump barge facility be installed. That pump barge has recently been removed due to water level increases in the lake that allow for gravity feed into Tecolote Tunnel.

Meanwhile, Gibraltar Reservoir (City of Santa Barbara's reservoir) has spilled and is at its capacity of 5,300 acre-feet. Jameson Reservoir (Montecito Water District reservoir) has 2,900 acre-feet, 57% of capacity.

The opening of the City of Santa Barbara's Desalination facility has been delayed until April. The facility will have 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.

On December 12, 2016, the Governor's Drought Task Force held a meeting in Santa Barbara with State Senator Jackson, Assemblymember Limon, local water purveyors, local elected officials and staff. Subsequently, a Drought Action Working Group was convened 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 once approved by the governing bodies of the members of the Action Working Group; the results will be forwarded to the Governor's Drought Task Force, along with a request for financial assistance to fund the projects.

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.

<b>Funding Sources</b>	<b>FY 16-17 Costs</b>	<b>Total Inception-to-date Project Costs</b>
General Fund	16,319.97	\$111,371.84
State		
Federal		
Fees		
Other		76,703.53
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,319.97</b>	<b>\$188,075.37</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 countywide at last analysis are approximately 2,301 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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