

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF REAFFIRMING
ONGOING EXISTENCE OF LOCAL
EMERGENCY DUE TO THE GAP FIRE
WATERSHED DAMAGES

RESOLUTION NO. 08 – _____

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2008, a human-caused fire on National Forest Service land in the mountains above the City of Goleta was ignited; and

WHEREAS, on July 2, 2008, the Acting Emergency Services Director proclaimed a state of emergency because of the peril to the citizens of Santa Barbara County from the Gap Fire; and

WHEREAS, on July 3, 2008, at an emergency meeting, the Board adopted Resolution 08-258 which ratified the proclaimed existence of a local emergency due to the Gap Fire which has created a condition of extreme peril to life and property in Santa Barbara County; and

WHEREAS, with the containment of the almost 10,000 acre Gap fire on July 28, 2008, the proclamation of the Board expired on July 29, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's proclamation of a state of emergency, dated July 3, 2008, remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, assessments of the Gap Fire burn area have revealed extensive damage to the watershed above the unincorporated county, the City of Goleta and the Santa Barbara Airport, and

WHEREAS, on September 23, 2008, this Board adopted Resolution 08 – 324 which proclaimed the existence of a local emergency because, the Director of Emergency Services believes that conditions of extreme peril potentially exist for persons and property in the County of Santa Barbara as a result of the Gap Fire burn damage, and these conditions necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency within the County of Santa Barbara; and

WHEREAS, Section 8630 of the Government Code provides in part, that the body declaring a local emergency shall review, at least every fourteen (14) days until such local emergency is terminated, the need for continuing the local emergency and shall proclaim the termination of such local emergency at the earliest date that conditions warrant; and

WHEREAS, the County and other entities within the county are expending significant resources to recover from and address conditions of extreme peril to life and property that exist in this County due to damages created by the Gap Fire.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, that there is a need to continue the proclamation of the local emergency that was made by this Board by Resolution 08 – 324. The local emergency will continue in place until terminated by action of this Board.

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PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California this _____ day of _____, 2008, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Salud Carbajal, Chair, Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Barbara

ATTEST:
MICHAEL F. BROWN
CLERK OF THE BOARD

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DENNIS A. MARSHALL
COUNTY COUNSEL

By _____
Deputy

By _____
Deputy County Counsel