




BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number: 14-00090

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: CEO
Department No.: 012
For Agenda Of: 04/15/14
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director(s) Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer, 568-3400 
Contact Info: Ryan Rockabrand, Director of Emergency Management, 681-5532

Re-Ratification Drought Proclamation Passed March 18, 2014 , All Supervisorial Districts, (Fourth Month Renewal)

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

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:

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

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

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.

Cachuma Operations & Maintenance Board (COMB) has been working on plans for an Emergency Pumping Project to pump water into the Tecolote Tunnel if the reservoir levels drop below the ability to gravity feed the South Coast. Although it is difficult to estimate precisely when the need for emergency pumping will be realized, COMB estimates on or around September 1 of 2014 with a total cost of anywhere between three to five million dollars.

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.

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 in a level two activation—essential staffing for centralized coordination and decentralized direction. It continues to monitor conditions and coordinate county communication and outreach plans with all stakeholder agencies via the Drought Task Force (DTF) established by the CEO. The DTF has been meeting biweekly and has developed.

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:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund	\$ 23,918.76		
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:	\$ 14,502.84		
Total	\$ 38,421.60	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative: The CEO established a project code for tracking staffing costs and time associated with drought activities. For this fiscal year, 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.

Staffing Impacts:

Although there are no FTE personnel resourced to management of the drought, labor hours as reported county-wide year to date approximately 542 for emergency drought management.

Special Instructions:

Director the Clerk of the Board to send a copy of the minute order of these actions to the following:

Office of Emergency Management, ATT: Ryan Rockabrand
Flood Control District office: ATTN: Christina Lopez

Attachments:

Attachment A: Resolution Re-ratifying the Proclamation of Drought Emergency Proclamation

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