

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number: 14-00090



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Department Name: CEO
Department No.: 012
For Agenda Of: 1/6/2015
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, 568-3400
Director(s)
Contact Info: Ryan Rockabrand, Director of Emergency Management, 681-5532

Re-Ratification Drought Proclamation Passed December 6, 2014, All Supervisorial Districts, (Fourteenth 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:

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.

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 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).

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.

Given the Board’s meeting dates, this renewal is being brought before the board one week after the twelfth thirty-day renewal; this will ensure there is no need to call a special session of the board as to avoid expiration of the emergency drought proclamation due to meeting schedules.

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	\$ 23,099.00	\$ 78,066.00	
State		\$ -	
Federal		\$ -	
Fees		\$ -	
Other:	\$ 22,089.00	\$ 71,232.00	
Total	\$ 45,188.00	\$ 149,298.00	\$ -

Narrative: The CEO established a project code for tracking staffing costs and time associated with drought activities. Since declaration in January, 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 county-wide total approximately 1,700 for emergency drought management since tracking began in January 2014.

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, ATTN: Nick Szamet
Flood Control District office: ATTN: Christina Lopez

Attachments:

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

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