



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Fire
Department No.: 031
For Agenda Of: July 16, 2024
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Time: 30 minutes
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Mark Hartwig, Fire Chief/Fire Warden 
Director(s)
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SUBJECT: Preparations for Wildfire and Public Safety Power Shut Offs (PSPS)

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

- a) Receive and File a report on County preparedness efforts for Wildfires and Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS)
- b) Determine that the above action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5) because it is organizational or administrative activities of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

The Office of Emergency Management and Fire Department will present an update on County efforts to prepare for wildfire season and the potential for Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) events.

Background:

Santa Barbara County experienced an extensive rain season resulting in significant fuels growth. Additionally, the State has already exceeded average fire activity and acreage so far this fire season. This presentation will review the county's current fire risk, power outage considerations, county wide planning and resources, and most importantly community preparedness considerations. Property fire mitigation and community education are vital to reducing the catastrophic impacts of wildfire on our community.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

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Budgeted: N/A

Attachments:

2024 Wildfire and PSPS Preparedness PowerPoint

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