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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
(805) 568-2240

Department Name: CEO  
Department No.: 012  
For Agenda Of: September 13, 2016  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Director(s) Contact Info: Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer  
Robert Troy, Interim Director of Emergency Management

**SUBJECT:** Re-Ratification Drought Proclamation Passed August 16, 2016, 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

**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:**

This item is on the agenda to re-ratify the Drought Proclamation that was originally passed on August 16, 2016.

## Re-Ratification Drought Proclamation

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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. 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). The DTF will convene on a regular basis, as directed by the chair, to obtain regular updates and to identify potential plans for drought response, recovery, and mitigation.

Under the current drought conditions Lake Cachuma is below 8% full, which is below the level needed for the water to flow unassisted into Tecolote Tunnel and the South Coast distribution system. On August 24, 2015 pumps were activated to elevate the lake water into Tecolote Tunnel, and continue the distribution of water to the South Coast. On June 30, 2016, the Cachuma Operation and Maintenance Board relocated the emergency pumping barge to the minimum pool area of the Lake.

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:**

Resolution Ratifying Proclamation of Local Emergency  
Caused by Drought Conditions

**WHEREAS**, although the reservoirs in Northern California have fared better this winter, the State Water Project is delivering less than 50% of the contracted water. For many purveyors, State Water deliveries are supplemental only and cannot typically supply the entire demand of their systems; and

**WHEREAS**, the level of Lake Cachuma has dropped to less than 8 percent capacity, which is below the level needed for water to flow unassisted into Tecolote Tunnel and the South Coast distribution system. On August 24, 2015, pumps were activated to elevate lake water into Tecolote Tunnel, enabling the uninterrupted distribution of water to the South Coast. With continued lack of inflow to the lake and the falling lake level, the Pump Barge facility needed to be moved to the minimum pool of the lake. That move was completed on June 30, 2016.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that the conditions warranting the Proclamation of Local Emergency Caused by Drought Conditions continue to exist and the Proclamation of the Local Emergency Caused by Drought Conditions shall remain in place; and

**IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that the Local Emergency Caused by Drought Conditions will be terminated at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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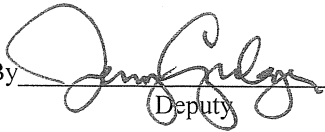
**Chair, Board of Supervisors  
County of Santa Barbara**

Resolution Ratifying Proclamation of Local Emergency  
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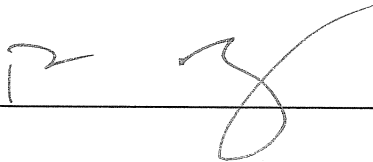
ATTEST:  
MONA MIYASATO  
CLERK OF THE BOARD

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
MICHAEL C. GHIZZONI  
COUNTY COUNSEL

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

By  \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

INTERIM DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
ROBERT TROY  
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

By  \_\_\_\_\_

| <b>Funding Sources</b> | <b>FY 2016-17 Costs:</b> |               | <b>Total Inception to Date Project Cost</b> |                   |
|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|---|-------------------|
| General Fund           | \$                       | 598.00        | \$  | 95,326.00         |
| State                  |                          |               |   |                   |
| Federal                |                          |               |   |                   |
| Fees                   |                          |               |   |                   |
| Other:                 | \$                       | -             | \$  | 88,384.00         |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>\$</b>                | <b>598.00</b> | <b>\$</b>                                   | <b>183,710.00</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 county-wide total approximately 2,095 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: Robert Troy
- Flood Control District office; ATTN: Christina Lopez

**Attachments:**

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

**Authored by:** Justin Freiler, Emergency Manager, (805) 681-5542

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

**IN THE MATTER OF RATIFYING  
PROCLAMATION OF THE EXISTENCE  
OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY CAUSED BY  
DROUGHT CONDITIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

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**WHEREAS**, Government Code, Sections 8558 and 8630, et seq., and Chapter 12 of the Santa Barbara County Code empower the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the County is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the Board of Supervisors is not in session, subject to ratification by the Board of Supervisors within seven days; and

**WHEREAS**, drought conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within this County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Emergency Services of the County of Santa Barbara did proclaim the existence of a Local Emergency Caused by Drought Conditions within Santa Barbara County on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of January 2014, at 2:00 p.m., at which time the Board of Supervisors was not in session; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 21, 2014 the Board of Supervisors found that conditions of extreme peril warranted and necessitated the ratification of the Proclamation of Local Emergency Caused by Drought Conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, Government Code Section 8630(c) requires the Board of Supervisors to review the need for the continued existence of a Proclamation of Local Emergency at least every 30 days and Government Code Section 8630(d) requires termination of a Proclamation of Local Emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant; and

**WHEREAS**, drought conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property in Santa Barbara County persist, and warrant the ongoing Proclamation of Local Emergency Caused by Drought; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of California declared a Drought State of Emergency effective the 17th day of January 2014; the State is experiencing record dry conditions, with 2014 the driest year on record and 2015-2016 rain year ending below average, resulting in no significant inflow to the County's surface reservoirs. The Drought State of Emergency remains in place; and