



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: CEO
Department No.: 012
For Agenda Of: July 16, 2024
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department: Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer
Director(s)
Contact Info: Kelly Hubbard, Director, Office of Emergency Management
SUBJECT: **Ratification of Proclamation of Local Emergency Caused by the Lake Fire**

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Mona Miyasato
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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:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Receive an update on the Lake Fire;
- b) Adopt a Resolution ratifying the Proclamation of a Local Emergency related to the Lake Fire declared by the Director of Emergency Services on July 12, 2024, when the Board of Supervisors was not in session, pursuant to Government Code Section 8550 et. seq. and Chapter 12, Section 12-5(a) of the Santa Barbara County Code;
- c) Direct the Office of Emergency Management to return every sixty (60) days for ratification of the Emergency until such a time that conditions dictate otherwise; and
- d) Determine the above actions are not a "Project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines, because the actions consist of organizational or administrative activities of the government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to ratify the proclamation of a local emergency, related to the Lake Fire, by the Director of Emergency Services on July 12, 2024. On July 5, 2024 at approximately 3:30 pm, a wildfire that has been named the Lake Fire began burning in the Santa Ynez Valley near the Zaca Resort. As of July 11, 2024, the Lake Fire has burned 34,015 acres, is 16% contained, has destroyed four buildings, and

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has damaged one additional structure. Evacuation Orders have been issued for approximately 423 residents and Evacuation Warnings have been issued for approximately 1,182 residents.

Background:

The Lake Fire is threatening several communities including Santa Ynez and Los Olivos, as well as ranches, farms, homes, campgrounds, and State Routes 154 and 176. Santa Barbara County Fire has requested assistance through the Federal Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) program. The Lake Fire is actively burning in several watersheds and towards Lake Cachuma, which is the primary water source for the southern portion of Santa Barbara County. Extensive smoke and ash have created hazardous air quality conditions in the Santa Ynez Valley and surrounding areas. Evacuation shelters have been established for residents and for animals.

This incident creates conditions of disaster, which have been and likely to continue to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of the combined forces of the Santa Barbara County Operational Area to combat. These conditions warrant and necessitate that the County proclaim the existence of a local emergency in order to utilize all resources necessary to respond to and recover from the local emergency and receive any needed funding through the California Disaster Assistance Act and any other State and Federal funds that may be available or become available.

Government Code section 8630(b) requires ratification of the Director's Proclamation by the Board of Supervisors within seven days. Section 8630(c) requires the Board to review the need for the continued existence of the Proclamation of Local Emergency at least every 60 days and 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:

Costs continue to be compiled. Updates will be provided at future ratification Board items. The CEO has established a project code for tracking of staffing costs and time associated with Lake Fire activities.

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: Kendall Johnston

Attachments:

Attachment A: Proclamation of Local Emergency Caused by the Lake Fire
Attachment B: Resolution of Local Emergency Caused by the Lake Fire

Authored by:

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