



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: CEO/OEM
Department No.: 012
For Agenda Of: September 11, 2018
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
 Contact Info: Matt Pontes, Assistant CEO
 Robert Lewin, Director of Emergency Management
SUBJECT: **Holiday Fire – Termination of Proclamation of a Local Emergency**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: As to form: NA

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: NA

Recommended Actions:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Adopt a Resolution in accordance with Government Code Section 8630(c), terminating the Proclamation of a Local Emergency for the Holiday Fire Emergency declared by the Director of Emergency Services on July 7, 2018, and initially ratified by the Board of Supervisors on July 10, 2018;
- b) Determine the above action is 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:

The attached resolution is to terminate the Proclamation of Local Emergency for the Holiday Fire which was declared by the Director of Emergency Services, on July 7, 2018 and ratified by the Board of Supervisors on July 10, 2018. The Fire was contained on July 10, 2018 and the conditions of extreme peril no longer exist.

The following is a timeline of events associated with the Holiday Fire:

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On July 6, 2018, at approximately 8:40 p.m., a fire began burning in an unincorporated area of the County, north of the intersection of Cathedral Oaks Road and Fairview Avenue. The fire was named the Holiday Fire.

On July 6, 2018 at 9:14 p.m., mandatory evacuation orders were issued for approximately 2,500 residents, which included five licensed care facilities. Numerous structures were actively burning and 2,400 customers had lost electric power. Evacuation centers were activated for residents and animals.

On July 6, 2018 at 11:35 p.m., Goleta City Manager and Director of Emergency Services issued a Proclamation of Local Emergency for the Holiday Fire for the City of Goleta.

On July 7, 2018, at 1:00 a.m., County Executive Officer and Director of Emergency Services issued a Proclamation of Local Emergency for the Holiday Fire, encompassing the entire Santa Barbara County Operational Area. The Proclamation of Local Emergency was issued to utilize all resources necessary to respond to the damage caused by 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.

On July 7, 2018, the Federal Emergency Management Agency granted a Fire Management Assistant Grant to assist with the mitigation, management, and control of the Holiday Fire.

On July 7, 2018, Governor Brown proclaimed a State of Emergency for the County of Santa Barbara as a result of the Holiday Fire.

Effective at 5:00 p.m. on July 7, 2018, some areas under a mandatory evacuation order were downgraded to an evacuation warning.

Effective at 6:00 p.m. on July 8, 2018, the areas remaining under a mandatory evacuation order were downgraded to an Exclusion Zone open to residents only; and the evacuation warning was lifted for the balance of the evacuation area.

Full containment of the Holiday Fire was attained on July 10, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., with a total of 113 acres burned. Ten single family homes were destroyed, three single family homes were damaged, and 14 outbuildings were destroyed consisting of barns, workshops, and sheds.

BACKGROUND

On July 6, 2018, at approximately 8:40 p.m., the Holiday Fire began burning in the unincorporated area of the County, north of the intersection of Cathedral Oaks Road and Fairview Avenue.

Mandatory evacuation orders were issued for residents north of Cathedral Oaks Road to West Camino Cielo Road, between La Patera and Patterson Avenue.

A Red Cross Shelter was established at the Goleta Community Center and an animal shelter was established at the Earl Warren Showgrounds.

On July 7, 2018, a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) was secured, and should provide seventy-five percent (75%) of reimbursement costs.

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The State of Emergency issued by the Governor will potentially provide state funds to help cover public response costs. Neither the FMAG nor the State of Emergency provides individual financial assistance.

On July 9, 2018, a Local Recovery and Assistance Center was opened at the Goleta Union School District Office in Goleta, CA. The Local Recovery and Assistance Center, which was opened in cooperation with local and state emergency agencies, served as a resource for those impacted by the Holiday Fire. Representatives from state, local and non-profit agencies were on site to provide resources such as housing assistance, counseling support, information to aid in rebuilding, permitting, loss of business and/or employment, hazardous materials cleanup, and basic resources for health and human services. On July 14, 2018, the Local Recovery and Assistance Center was closed.

The County's Proclamation of Local Emergency covers the Santa Barbara County Operational Area, which includes cities, unincorporated county areas, and special districts. County staff has been working within the Operational Area to compile information for cost recovery. The Agricultural Commissioner estimates that there is a \$60,000 loss to agriculture.

Because there is no more threat from this emergency, it is recommended to terminate the Proclamation of a Local Emergency.

Fiscal Analysis:

The fiscal impact of efforts in support of this incident is being evaluated at this time and will be reported to the Board at future meetings.

Special Instructions:

Direct Clerk of the Board to send a copy of the minute order to:
Office of Emergency Management, Attn: Sonia Thompson

Attachments:

Attachment A: Resolution Terminating the Proclamation of Local Emergency

Authored by:

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cc:

Eric Peterson, Fire Chief

Bill Brown, Sheriff