



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: 08/14/18
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 – Re-Ratification of Proclamation of 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 re-ratifying the Proclamation of a Local Emergency related to the Holiday Fire Emergency declared by the Director of Emergency Services on July 7, 2018, 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; and,
- b) Direct the Office of Emergency Management to return monthly for re-ratification of the Emergency until such time that the response and recovery conditions dictate otherwise; and,
- c) 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:

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

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

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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. Shortly thereafter, 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 Michelle Greene issued a Proclamation of Local Emergency for the Holiday Fire for the City of Goleta.

On July 7, 2018 at 1 a.m., County Executive Officer and Director of Emergency Services Mona Miyasato, 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, Governor Brown proclaimed a State of Emergency for the County of Santa Barbara as a result of the Holiday Fire.

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

Effective at 6 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.

The County's Proclamation of Local Emergency was initially ratified by the Board of Supervisors on July 10, 2018, and is now before the Board for re-ratification.

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 evacuations 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, which will provide seventy-five percent (75%) of response costs.

The State of Emergency issued by the Governor will potentially provide state funds to help cover public response costs and allows for the potential of a Presidential Declaration of Emergency. Neither the FMAG nor the State of Emergency will provide individual financial assistance.

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The Red Cross evacuation center was closed at 5 p.m. on July 8, 2018.

On July 9, 2018, a Local Recovery and Assistance Center was opened at the Goleta Union School District Office located at 401 North Fairview Avenue, 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, basic health and human services resources, and will be available to address other issues that have impacted people.

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 is working within the Operational Area to compile a preliminary damage assessment of homes, infrastructure and property. The Agricultural Commissioner estimates that there is a \$60,000 loss to agriculture.

This Proclamation will terminate unless re-ratified by the Board of Supervisors at least every thirty days.

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 Re-Ratifying the Proclamation of Local Emergency

Attachment B: Proclamation of Local Emergency for Holiday Fire

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