

# County of Santa Barbara X-Agenda Request

JUSTIFICATION FOR THE NECESSITY FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
TO TAKE ACTION ON A MATTER NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA  
**(4/5 VOTE REQUIRED)**

**To:** The Board of Supervisors  
**From:** Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer  
**Department:** County Executive Office  
**Meeting date:** January 9, 2018

**Subject of Item:** Ratification of the Proclamation of Local Emergency related to the Storm Emergency declared by the Director of Emergency Services on January 8, 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.

**Recommended Board Action:** That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Adopt a Resolution ratifying the Proclamation of a Local Emergency related to the Storm Emergency declared by the Director of Emergency Services on January 8, 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;
- 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.

**Reason item cannot be placed on future agenda:** On January 8, 2018, when the Board of Supervisors was not in session, the County Executive Officer, as the Director of Emergency Services, proclaimed a local emergency to assist with the response related to a series of storms which began impacting Santa Barbara County including areas which have been burned by the Thomas Fire. The proclamation terminates unless ratified by the Board of Supervisors within seven days.

**Statement of reason for emergency\*, or why need for action arose after the agenda was posted: (Attach additional sheets if necessary)** On January 8, 2018, after the posting of the agenda for the January 9, 2018 Board of Supervisors Meeting, a series of storms began impacting Santa Barbara County, including areas that have been burned by the Thomas Fire. The Thomas Fire which began on December 4, 2017 is now the largest wildfire in California history. The Thomas Fire has burned 281,893 acres, and is now only 92% contained. The Thomas Fire has burned significant portions of critical watershed, and now poses serious risks of flooding and debris flow in major population centers. The storms also create serious threats of flooding and debris flows in the recent burn areas of the Whittier Fire, Alamo Fire, Sherpa Fire and Rey Fire.

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Signature of Requestor/Title

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Signature of Supervisor or  
County Executive Officer

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