



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: 07/19/16
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: Robert Troy, Interim Director of Emergency Management
SUBJECT: Re-Ratification Sherpa Fire Proclamation Passed on June 21, 2016, All Supervisory Districts, (Thirty-Day Renewal)

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form: NA

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: NA

Recommended Actions:

- a) Adopt a Resolution Re-ratifying the Proclamation of a Local Emergency related to the Sherpa Fire (Attachment A) declared by the Director of Emergency Services on June 17, 2016, and was formally ratified by the Board on June 21, 2016, pursuant to Government Code Section 8850 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 a time that conditions warrant termination of the Proclamation of a Local Emergency related to the Sherpa Fire.
- 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:

On June 15, 2016, a wildfire (Sherpa Fire) started burning in the Refugio Canyon area on the Gaviota Coast, at approximately 3:40pm. The Emergency Operations Center was activated at 10:37pm that same day. On June 17, 2016, the fire was reportedly 4,640 acres in size, with 5% containment. Mandatory evacuations of people and livestock took place and were directed to Earl Warren Fair Grounds and Red Cross Shelters.

On June 17, 2016, the County Executive Officer acting as the Director of Emergency Services proclaimed a local emergency to assist with the response; the proclamation was ratified by the Board of Supervisors on June 21, 2016.

The Emergency Operations Center stayed at a Level 3 Activation, fully staffed, until June 23, 2016 and was reduced to an Activation Level 1, monitoring, on the morning of June 23, 2016 and is currently still monitoring the Sherpa Fire. All evacuations have been lifted.

As of July 5, 2016, the Sherpa Fire was reported at 7,474 acres in size, with 96% containment. Five structures were lost; four minor structures and the water treatment facility that serves El Capitan State Beach. El Capitan State Beach will remain closed until the water treatment plant can be re-established.

The County Operational Area has formed a Sherpa Fire Burn Area Recovery Team to evaluate, make recommendations, and implement specific measures to reduce the impacts the fire had on the watershed, agriculture, infrastructure, and cultural and natural resources. In addition, the team will develop methods to notify and bring awareness to the community in order to prevent harm from flooding.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis:

The CEO established a project code for tracking staffing costs and time associated with Sherpa Fire activities. Since declaration in June 2016, costs for management of local emergency conditions are being accumulated by the CEO's Office of Emergency Management and will be summarized and reported on when the incident and administrative work is complete.

Staffing Impacts:

Although there are no full time personnel assigned to management of the Sherpa Fire, labor hours as reported county-wide as of June 19, 2016, excluding the Fire Department, total approximately 2,700 for emergency management support since tracking began in June 2016.

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

Attachments:

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

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