



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number: 14-00090

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Department Name: CEO  
Department No.: 012  
For Agenda Of: 4/21/2015  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors  
FROM: Department Director(s) Contact Info: Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer, 568-3400  
Ryan Rockabrand, Director of Emergency Management, 681-5532 RR

**Re-Ratification Drought Proclamation Passed March 23, 2015, All Supervisorial Districts, (Eighteenth Thirty-Day Renewal)**

**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

- a) Adopt the Resolution Re-ratifying the Proclamation of a Local Emergency for Drought and Water Supply Conditions that exist in Santa Barbara County pursuant to Government Code Section 8630(c). (Attachment A); and
- b) Direct the Office of Emergency Management to return monthly for re-ratification of the Emergency until such a time that weather and water supply conditions dictate otherwise.
- 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.

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Summary Text:**

On January 15, 2014, the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Declared 27 Counties in California, including Santa Barbara County, to be designated as primary natural disaster areas due to drought conditions. Subsequently, on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014, the Governor declared a statewide State of Emergency for Drought in the State of California. In turn, on the same date the Santa Barbara

County Director of Emergency Services signed a Proclamation for a Local Emergency for Drought as well. Part of the Governor’s declaration and the County’s includes a call for voluntary 20% water reduction by residents.

**Background:**

Re-ratifying the Proclamation for a Local Emergency due to drought conditions falls in line with the Governor’s Declaration and the USDA’s Declaration.

The USDA’s Declaration makes farm operators in primary counties and those counties contiguous to such primary counties eligible to be considered for certain assistance from the Farm Service Agency (FSA), provided eligibility requirements are met. This assistance includes FSA emergency loans. Farmers in eligible counties have 8 months from the date of a Secretarial disaster declaration to apply for emergency loans. FSA considers each emergency loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of production losses on the farm, and the security and repayment ability of the operator.

The County Office of Emergency Management is currently at a level one activation—essential staffing for centralized coordination and decentralized direction. OEM continues to monitor conditions and coordinate County communication and outreach plans with all stakeholder agencies to support the Drought Task Force (DTF).

Government Code Section 8630(c) requires the Board to review the need for the continued existence of the Proclamation of Local Emergency at least every 30 days. Government Code 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:**

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>Current FY Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u></b>
General Fund	\$ 24,455.00	\$ 79,422.00	
State		\$ -	
Federal		\$ -	
Fees		\$ -	
Other:	\$ 26,640.00	\$ 75,784.00	
Total	\$ 51,095.00	\$ 155,206.00	\$ -

Narrative: The CEO established a project code for tracking staffing costs and time associated with drought activities. Since declaration in January, costs for management of emergency drought conditions have been reported by the CEO’s Office of Emergency Management and Public Works’ Department Flood Control and Water Agency Divisions; minor costs have been reported by Agricultural Commissioner and Parks Department.

**Staffing Impacts:**

Although there are no FTE personnel resourced to management of the drought, labor hours as reported county-wide total approximately 1,751 for emergency drought management since tracking began in January 2014.

**Special Instructions:**

Director the Clerk of the Board to send a copy of the minute order of these actions to the following:

Office of Emergency Management, ATTN: Nick Szamet  
Flood Control District office: ATTN: Christina Lopez

**Attachments:**

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

**Authored by:** Ryan Rockabrand, Director Emergency Management, 681-5532/ Nick Estrada-Szamet  
Department Business Specialist, OEM, 696-1191

**cc:**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE  
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**IN THE MATTER OF RATIFYING  
PROCLAMATION OF THE EXISTENCE  
OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY CAUSED BY  
DROUGHT CONDITIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

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**WHEREAS**, Government Code, Sections 8558 and 8630, et seq., and Chapter 12 of the Santa Barbara County Code empower the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the County is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the Board of Supervisors is not in session, subject to ratification by the Board of Supervisors within seven days; and

**WHEREAS**, drought conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within this County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Emergency Services of the County of Santa Barbara did proclaim the existence of a Local Emergency Caused by Drought Conditions within Santa Barbara County on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of January 2014, at 2:00 p.m., at which time the Board of Supervisors was not in session and

**WHEREAS**, on January 21, 2014 the Board of Supervisors found that conditions of extreme peril warranted and necessitated the ratification of the Proclamation of Local Emergency Caused by Drought Conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, Government Code Section 8630(c) requires the Board of Supervisors to review the need for the continued existence of a Proclamation of Local Emergency at least every 30 days and Government Code Section 8630(d) requires termination of a Proclamation of Local Emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant; and

**WHEREAS**, drought conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property in Santa Barbara County persist, and warrant the ongoing Proclamation of Local Emergency Caused by Drought.

**WHEREAS**, the State of California declared a Drought State of Emergency effective the 17th day of January 2014; the State is experiencing record dry conditions, with 2014 projected to become the driest year on record. The Drought State of Emergency remains in place; and

**WHEREAS**, the State's water supplies have dipped to alarming levels, indicated by: snowpack in California's mountains is approximately 20 percent of the normal average for this

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date; California’s largest water reservoirs have very low water levels for this time of year; California’s major river systems, including the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers, have significantly reduced surface water flows; and groundwater levels throughout the state have dropped significantly.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that the conditions warranting the Proclamation of Local Emergency Caused by Drought Conditions continue to exist and the Proclamation of the Local Emergency Caused by Drought Conditions shall remain in place; and

**IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that the Local Emergency Caused by Drought Conditions will be terminated at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

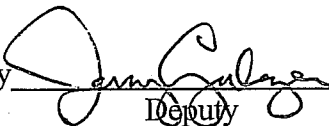
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**Chair, Board of Supervisors  
County of Santa Barbara**

ATTEST:  
MONA MIYASATO  
CLERK OF THE BOARD


By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
MICHAEL C. GHIZZONI  
COUNTY COUNSEL

By  \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CHIEF  
RYAN ROCKABRAND  
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

By  \_\_\_\_\_