

## **Thomas Fire Update**

December 12, 2017 Board of Supervisors





## **Emergency Declarations**

- Governor's Declaration 12/5/17 (12/7/17 for Santa Barbara County)
- Presidential Declaration 12/8/17
- County of Santa Barbara Proclamation 12/8/17 (ratify by the BOS 12/12/17)



## **Fire Information**

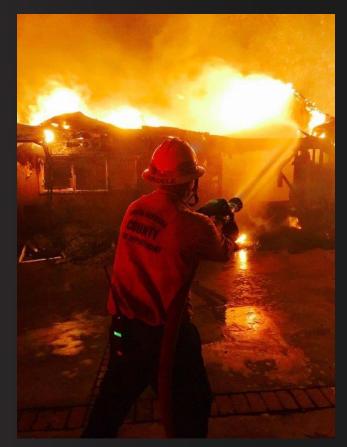
- The Thomas fire started 6:26 p.m. Dec. 4 in Ventura County
- 231,700 acres (7 p.m. Dec. 11)
- 794 structures destroyed and 187 structures damaged (in Ventura Co)
- Containment 15%
- Impacts include power outages, unhealthy air quality, displaced individuals and families, animal evacuations, road closures and countywide school closures
- 7,200 evacuated through mandatory order; 34,000 through voluntary





#### Resources (As of 7 p.m. Dec. 11)

- Total Personnel 6,946
- Equipment
  - Engines 912
  - Dozers 67
  - Water Tenders 50
  - Helicopters 27
  - Hand Crews 125
  - Other 3



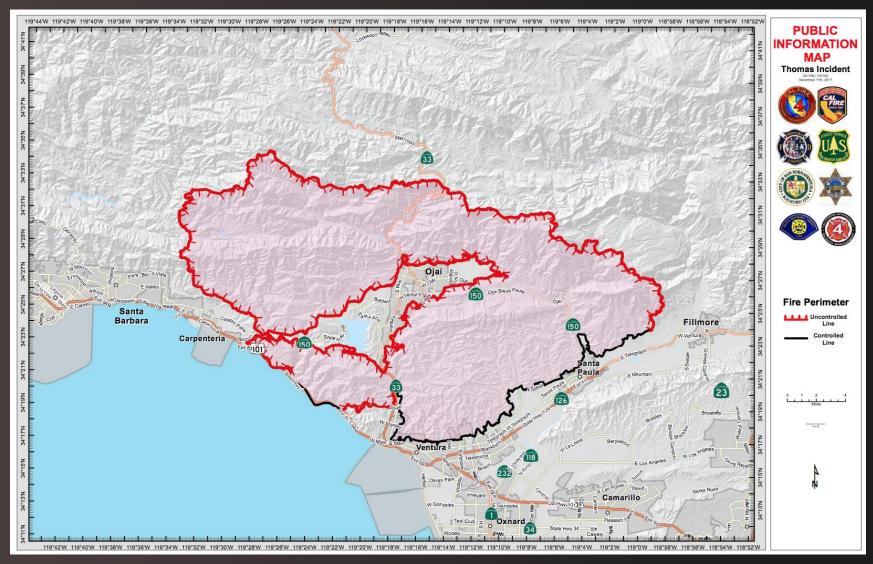


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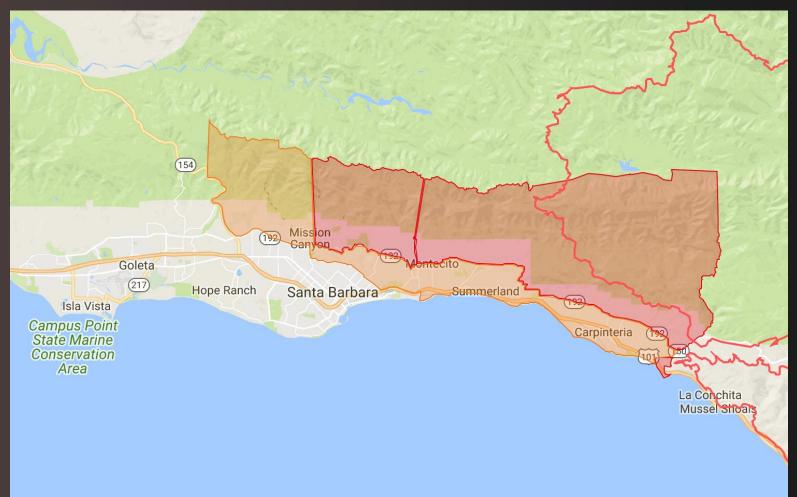


#### FIRE PERIMETER MAP (Updated Dec. 11)





#### **INTERACTIVE EVACUATION MAP** (updated Dec. 11)





#### OVERLAY MAP (updated Dec. 11)





## Evacuation Status in Santa Barbara County

#### **Mandatory Evacuation Orders**

- North of HWY 192 to E Camino Cielo between HWY 150 and Mission Canyon Rd.
- Hot Springs Rd to Buena Vista Rd, from Hwy 192 north to E Camino Cielo
- Buena Vista east to the County line and north of HWY 192 (E. Valley Road), to include the 900 block of Park Ln east.
- Carpinteria area east of Toro Canyon Rd. East to HWY 150, north of HWY 192 to Camino Cielo.
- Carpinteria area east of intersection of Casitas Pass Rd & HWY 192, north of HWY 192, & west of the county line.
- SR-192 north to E. Camino Cielo between Toro Canyon Rd and Linden Ave.
- Shepherd Mesa, Gobernador Cyn and Rincon Point

#### **Voluntary Evacuation Warnings**

- Above (north of) Highway 192 between Mission Cyn and HWY 154
- South of HWY 192, east of Mission Cyn, west of Hot Springs, north of APS, Salinas St and HWY 101 to Hot Springs
- East of Hot Springs, south of HWY 192, west of HWY 150





## Watershed Impacts

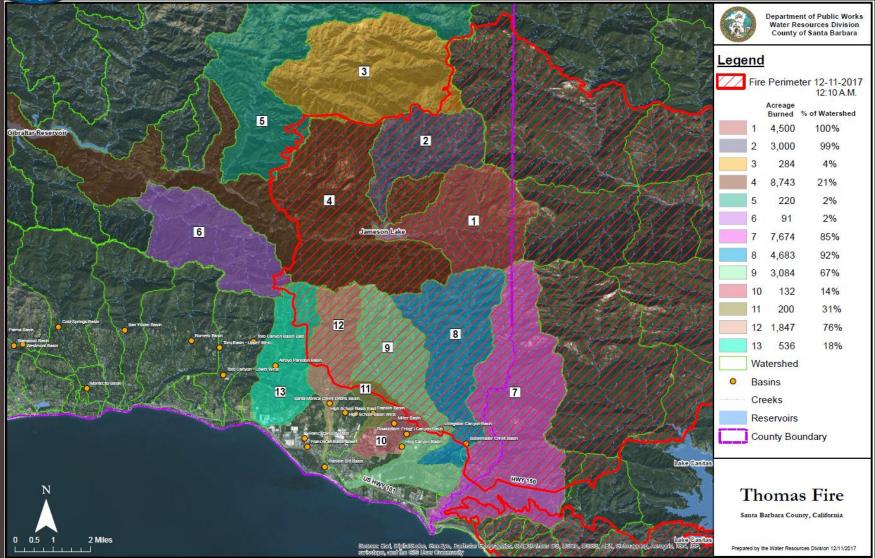
- Two Major Watershed Impacts
  - Flood threat below fire (currently Carpinteria area)
  - Water quality impacts to supply
    - Jameson Reservoir
    - Gibraltar Reservoir
  - Prepared initial flood control plan of attack
  - Coordinating with water purveyors for water supply issues



## Watershed Management









## Health of the County

- Monitoring stations continue to record unhealthy air in Santa Barbara County
- Air Quality Warnings will remain in effect until conditions improve
- Public information on safety communicated to stakeholders
- Free mask distribution sites are being established in much of the county and expanding further
- Outreach provided to offer masks to field workers
- Plan for distribution of masks for all county employees
- Emphasizing reuse of masks





## **Emergency Operation Center**

- Level 2 activation occurred on Dec. 4
- Level 3 activation (highest level) occurred on Dec. 8
- 35 county personnel assigned to work in the EOC with multiple others on-call

#### Communications

- Increased Aware and Prepare Registration
  - 14,500
- Social Media
  - Twitter up by 2,500 followers
  - Facebook up by 1,600 followers
- Press Releases
- Town Hall Meetings
- Media Interviews





## Water & Power Conservation

#### Water conservation

- Restrict any outdoor water use and conserve indoors.
- Now is not the time to clear ash!



#### **Power conservation**

- With the support of first responders, SCE has safely begun inspecting damage to electrical equipment and infrastructure.
- SCE requests us all to reduce power consumption in order to provide maximum coverage to the entire Santa Barbara area.





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