

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: Chair Nelson and Members of the Board

From: Terri Nisich, Assistant CEO

Department: County Executive Office

Meeting date: October 12, 2021

Subject of Item: Proclamation of Emergency Alisal Fire

Recommended Board Action: That the Board Supervisors:

- a) Find that due to the Alisal Fire that began on October 11, 2021, at 1430 hours, an emergency situation exists pursuant to Government Code sections 54954.2 and 54956.5 that requires immediate action, which need for action arose after the agenda for this meeting was posted; and
- b) Adopt a Resolution and Proclamation of Local Emergency Caused by the Alisal Fire that exists in Santa Barbara County pursuant to Government Code Section 8630(a); and
- c) Direct the Office of Emergency Management to return every sixty (60) days for ratification of the Emergency until such a time that conditions dictate otherwise; and
- d) Determine that these actions are exempt from the provisions of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant CEQA Guidelines section 15269.

Reason item cannot be placed on future agenda: Board of Supervisors currently in session

Statement of reason for emergency, or why need for action arose after the agenda was posted: (Attach additional sheets if necessary)

The Alisal Fire started on October 11, 2021 at approximately 2:30 p.m. – after the posting of the agenda. The Alisal Fire is currently threatening as many as 100 structures, including ranches, farms, homes, state campgrounds, railway services, and County critical infrastructure. Santa Barbara County Fire has requested assistance through the Federal Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) program. Extensive smoke and ash have created Hazardous air quality. Evacuation centers have been opened for citizens and for animals.

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Mandatory Docketing Requirements:

- ✓ Docket original + 5 copies with the Clerk of the Board
 ✓ E-mail Final X-Agenda Packet w/request form to: BoardLetters@countyofsb.org