

RESOLUTION NO. 19-364

RESOLUTION OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REAFFIRMING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY AS PROCLAIMED BY THE HEALTH OFFICER

WHEREAS, the California Health and Safety Code, Division 101, Part 3, Chapter 2, commencing with section 101075, confers upon local health officers of the political subdivisions of this state emergency powers necessary to protect public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, section 101080 of the California Health and Safety Code, states that "the local health officer may declare a local health emergency in the jurisdiction or any area thereof" affected by hazardous waste which is an imminent threat to the public health; and

WHEREAS, Health and Safety Code section 101080 empowers the local health officer to proclaim the existence of a local health emergency when the county or any area of the county is affected or likely to be affected by such a public health threat while the Board of Supervisors is not in session, which shall expire if not ratified by the Board of Supervisors within seven days and is subject to review every 30 days thereafter until such local health emergency is terminated; and

WHEREAS, on July 29, 2018, the local health officer of the County of Mendocino issued a declaration of local health emergency due to impacts on air quality which may create hazardous health conditions for vulnerable populations, the loss of critical infrastructure causing power outages creating risks to healthcare facilities and patient care, and the hazardous debris generated by the Mendocino Complex Fire; and

WHEREAS, on July 31, 2018, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino ratified the declaration of local health emergency by the local health officer, concurring that the impacts on air quality which may create hazardous health conditions for vulnerable populations, the loss of critical infrastructure causing power outages creating risks to healthcare facilities and patient care, and debris resulting from Mendocino Complex Fire contains hazardous material in the ash of the burned structures, which all pose a substantial present and potential hazard to human health and safety and to the environment unless it is addressed and managed; and

WHEREAS, on August 7, 2018, August 21, 2018, September 11, 2018, October 2, 2018, October 16, 2018, November 6, 2018, December 4, 2018, December 18, 2018, January 8, 2019, February 5, 2019, February 26, 2019, March 26, 2019, April 23, 2019, May 21, 2019, June 18, 2019, July 16, 2019, August 6, 2019, September 10, 2019, and October 1, 2019 the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino adopted Resolution Nos. 18-104, 18-113, 18-127, 18-136, 18-147, 18-162, 18-178, 18-196, 19-005, 19-026, 19-030, 19-149, 19-168, 19-191, 19-199, 19-211, 19-221, 19-338 and 19-357 respectively, reaffirming the existence of a local health emergency due to poor air quality, the loss of critical infrastructure and the existence of hazardous debris generated by the Mendocino Complex Fire.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino hereby finds that a local health emergency continues to exist and therefore reaffirms the proclamation of a local health emergency.

The foregoing Resolution introduced by Supervisor McCowen, seconded by Supervisor Williams, and carried this 22nd day of October, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Brown, McCowen, Haschak, Gjerde and Williams
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

WHEREUPON, the Chair declared said Resolution adopted and SO ORDERED.

ATTEST: CARMEL J. ANGELO
Clerk of the Board

Karla VantHagen
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
CHRISTIAN CURTIS,
Acting County Counsel

Christian Curtis

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Carre Brown, Chair
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

I hereby certify that according to the provisions of Government Code section 25103, delivery of this document has been made.

BY: CARMEL J. ANGELO
Clerk of the Board

Karla VantHagen
Deputy