



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Executive Office

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Item Type: Consent Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: N/A

Agenda Title:

Discussion and Possible Action Including Adoption of Resolution Ratifying the Declaration of a Local Emergency Related to the Multiple September 2020 Fires including; August Complex, and Oak Fire as Proclaimed by the Chief Executive Officer/Director of Emergency Services and Ratifying the Existence of a Local Health Emergency as Proclaimed by the Health Officer
(Sponsor: Executive Office and Health and Human Services Agency)

Recommended Action/Motion:

Adopt Resolution ratifying the declaration of a Local Emergency related to the Multiple September 2020 fires including; August Complex fire, and Oak Fire fire as proclaimed by the Chief Executive Officer/Director of Emergency Services and ratifying the existence of a Local Health Emergency as proclaimed by the Health Officer; and authorize Chair to sign same.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

The Board adopts Resolutions declaring local emergencies when necessary.

Summary of Request:

Beginning on August 14, 2020, an Extreme Heat Event struck California, causing record-breaking temperatures and Red Flag Warnings throughout California. On August 16, 2020 lightning sparked multiple fires across the Mendocino National Forest. As a result, the August Complex Fire started and has resulted in threats to critical infrastructure, including public safety and communication systems, structural damage and evacuations of several portions of the County.

On August 18, 2020, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a State of Emergency due to the weather event resulting in widespread fires.

On September 7, 2020, the Oak Fire started and has further threatened infrastructure, public safety and communication, structures, and caused additional evacuations.

The Hopkins Fire from Tehama County has merged with the Elkhorn, Vinegar Peak and Willow Basin fires and entered into Mendocino County.

On September 10, 2020 the Mendocino County Health Officer issued a declaration of local health emergency as of September 7, 2020.

On September 10, 2020 the Chief Executive Officer/Director of Emergency Services proclaimed the existence of a local emergency related to the September 2020 fires as of September 7, 2020.

California Health and Safety Code section 101080 provides authority for the Health Officer to issue a declaration of local health emergency. Pursuant to Government Code section 8630, whenever a local emergency is proclaimed by an official designated by ordinance, the local emergency shall not remain in effect for a period in excess of seven days unless it has been ratified by the governing body. Mendocino County Code section 7.04.050 provides authority for the Director of Emergency Services to issue a proclamation of local emergency if the Board of Supervisors is not in session. It is proposed that at its meeting on September 11, 2020, the Board of Supervisors adopt a Resolution ratifying the original proclamation that a state of emergency exists.

The Board of Supervisors must first make a determination, by majority vote, that an emergency exists, and then may take action on the proposed resolution of a local emergency.

Alternative Action/Motion:

Do not ratify resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

Supervisory District: All

vote requirement: Majority

Supplemental Information Available Online At: N/A

Fiscal Details:

source of funding: N/A

current f/y cost: N/A

annual recurring cost: N/A

budget clarification: N/A

budgeted in current f/y: N/A

if no, please describe:

revenue agreement: N/A

Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel: Yes

CEO Liaison: Executive Office

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:

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