



# Mendocino County

## Legislation Text

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**File #:** 21-0488, **Version:** 1

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** Executive Office

**Meeting Date:** April 20, 2021

**Department Contact:** Carmel J. Angelo, CEO

**Phone:** 463-4441

**Item Type:** Regular Agenda

**Time Allocated for Item:** 30 Minutes

**Agenda Title:**

Discussion and Possible Action Including Adoption of a Resolution Declaring a Local Emergency and Imminent Threat of Disaster in Mendocino County Due to Drought Conditions; and Creation of an Ad Hoc Committee of the Board to Work on Drought Related Issues  
(Sponsor: Executive Office)

**Recommended Action/Motion:**

Adopt Resolution declaring a local emergency and imminent threat of disaster in Mendocino County due to drought conditions; and create an ad hoc committee of the Board to work on drought related issues; and authorize Chair to sign same.

**Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:**

On January 7, 2014, the Board of Supervisors adopted a Resolution declaring a local emergency due to drought conditions. The BOS received a presentation on April 12, 2021 about the current drought conditions.

**Summary of Request:**

Mendocino County is in the midst of an historic drought with the water levels in our reservoirs and wells at extremely low levels. In the presentation to the Board of Supervisors on April 12, 2021, CalFire Chief Gonzalez stated that the well serving CalFire's Covelo unit is close to dry. There are concerns in other areas of the County too. Declaring a local emergency may allow flexibility in water transportation, greater emphasis on water conservation measures and access to additional funding streams to combat the drought. This is a proactive approach and may provide support in whatever way possible to preserve all of our water sources. A declaration of drought emergency may bring additional state and federal resources, including funding, to Mendocino County.

It is also recommended that with or without a local drought declaration, the BOS create an ad hoc committee to facilitate coordination efforts between local, regional, and state entities.

**Alternative Action/Motion:**

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:** N/A

**revenue agreement:** N/A

**Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel:** Yes

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**CEO Liaison:** Executive Office

**CEO Review:** Yes

**CEO Comments:**

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Executed By: Atlas Pearson, Deputy Clerk I

Date: April 20, 2021

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Final Status:**Adopted**

Executed Item Type: **Resolution** Number: 21-051

