

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Administrative Office	(2) MEETING DATE 6/17/2014	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Lisa Howe x5025	
(4) SUBJECT Request to receive and file update of current drought conditions confirming the continuing need for the March 11, 2014 Proclamation of Local Emergency pursuant to Government Code section 8630. All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board receive and file the update of current drought conditions establishing the need to continue the proclamation of local emergency due to drought conditions in San Luis Obispo County.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S)	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ___) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ___)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? N/A	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input type="checkbox"/> N/A    Date: <u>3/11/2014, 4/8/2014, 5/6/2014, 6/3/2014</u>	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Guy Savage			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts			

# County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

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DATE: 6/17/2014

SUBJECT: Request to receive and file update of current drought conditions confirming the continuing need for the March 11, 2014 Proclamation of Local Emergency pursuant to Government Code section 8630. All Districts.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board receive and file the update of current drought conditions establishing the need to continue the proclamation of local emergency due to drought conditions in San Luis Obispo County.

## **DISCUSSION**

### **Background**

On March 11, 2014, the Board adopted a resolution proclaiming a local emergency due to drought conditions in San Luis Obispo County. Section 8630 of the California Government Code and County Code Chapter 2.80.070 (2) require that the Board of Supervisors review the need for continuing the local emergency at least every 30 days until such emergency is terminated.

The last 30-day drought update was on June 3, 2014 and the next complete 30-day update is scheduled for July 15, 2014. Due to the Board of Supervisor's upcoming break schedule, staff scheduled this item sooner than necessary in order to meet the 30-day review deadline.

The Board's review of this staff report fulfills the Board's duty to review the need to continue the proclamation of a local emergency due to the existence of drought conditions pursuant to Government Code section 8630. No other Board action is necessary. (Note: Any regulations issued because of the local drought emergency would be subject to Board approval. The local Emergency Proclamation adopted by the Board on March 11, 2014, will remain in effect until terminated by your Board.)

### **Current Conditions**

Current drought conditions confirm the need to continue the proclamation of local emergency. Conditions remain largely unchanged since the June 3 update. The latest U.S. Drought Monitor report released June 5, 2014 indicates San Luis Obispo County remains at the D4 – Exceptional Drought intensity rating. Precipitation levels throughout the County remain at approximately 34% of average annual totals. No measurable precipitation fell since the last update. Local reservoir levels remain significantly lower than the average percentage capacity for this time of year including: Nacimiento 20%; Lopez 53%; Salinas 34%; and Whale Rock 53% of capacity.

## **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT**

At the onset of the Governor's declaration and under the direction of the County Administrative Officer, a County Drought Task Force was formed. The Drought Task Force is comprised of multiple County departments, including: Administrative Office, County Office of Emergency Services, Public Works Department, General Services Agency, County Fire, County Agricultural Commissioner, County Planning and Building, Farm Advisor, County Health Agency, and County Counsel. All

member departments provided input for this report.

County OES continues to be in regular contact with the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) to receive and provide situation status information.

The Public Works Department continues to coordinate with water purveyors and cities.

Public Health is coordinating with relevant state agencies, including the State California Department of Public Health and Emergency Medical Services Authority Health Coordination Center.

On June 3, 2014 the Board appointed Supervisor Frank Mecham to the Drought Task Force.

### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

The long-term financial impact on the local economy, including the demand on County and other legal agency services, cannot be forecast at this time. The County continues to track drought-related costs.

### **RESULTS**

Maintaining the proclamation of local emergency will continue to allow for the Public Works Department and other agencies to take immediate actions needed by allowing temporary reduction of certain regulatory and purchasing requirements. This will also permit County staff to assist in drought-related work and tasks outside their normal scope of duties in the capacity of Disaster Service Workers under Government Code section 3100. In addition, acceptance of the report confirms the continuing existence of severe drought conditions and will serve as notice to the State of our dire conditions and a reminder to all of the serious drought conditions facing the County and State.