IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

PRESENT: Supervisors Frank R. Mecham, Adam Hill, Caren Ray, Debbie Arnold, and Chairperson Bruce S. Gibson

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-64

PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

The following resolution is hereby offered and read:

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors does hereby find that a dire situation exists due to exceptional drought conditions as reported by the U.S. Drought Monitor as of February 18, 2014, including drought level condition D4 for the entire county, the worst federal drought rating;

WHEREAS, such drought conditions are anticipated to cause water shortages and severe economic losses within San Luis Obispo County;

WHEREAS, rainfall amounts in San Luis Obispo County have made it the driest year on record within the county;

WHEREAS, the primary industry in San Luis Obispo County is agriculture and any economic impact on this industry will have a significant adverse effect on the local economy;

WHEREAS, water allocations from the State had been only 5% and now are set to zero from State Water Project allocations;

WHEREAS, public and private drinking water supplies continue to be threatened due to decreasing supplies of ground water and other sources;

WHEREAS, long term forecasts indicate no relief of the current drought conditions;

WHEREAS, live fuel moistures, the method used to determine the volatility of native vegetation measured throughout the county, have remained below critical levels for the past seven months, and that these conditions combined with unseasonably warm, dry and windy weather have caused unprecedented

continuation of fire season conditions into the winter months, thereby causing CAL FIRE to continue to staff resources at fire season levels;

WHEREAS, water supplies necessary to provide both domestic and fire protection uses are threatened in a number of our communities;

WHEREAS, the long-term ramifications of the drought will have a significant impact on San Luis Obispo County and pose a danger to the health and welfare of its residents, livestock, and agriculture; and

WHEREAS, based on the conditions noted above, the Board of Supervisors does hereby find and determine that there exists a condition of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the entire County of San Luis Obispo, because of the existence of drought; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors does hereby find that these drought conditions are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the County and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this Proclamation of Local Emergency is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section15269, subd (c).

NOW, THEREFORE the Board of Supervisors does hereby:

1. Proclaim a local emergency in the entire County of San Luis Obispo pursuant to the California Emergency Services Act (commencing with Government Code Section 8550) and Chapter 2.80 of Title 2 of the San Luis Obispo County Code; and

2. Invoke within the County of San Luis Obispo, all of the powers and mechanisms set forth in the California Emergency Services Act and in Chapter 2.80 of the San Luis Obispo County Code, and said powers and mechanisms may hereafter be used by authorized personnel of the County of San Luis Obispo.

This Proclamation of Local Emergency shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect until the Board of Supervisors proclaim that the local emergency is terminated. The Board of Supervisors shall review the need for continuing the local emergency at least every thirty days.

Upon motion of Supervisor Mecham, seconded by Supervisor Hill, and on the following roll call vote, to-wit:

AYES: Supervisors Mecham, Hill, Ray, Arnold and Chairperson Gibson
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINING: None

The foregoing resolution is hereby ADOPTED:

Bruce S. Gibson
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL EFFECT:

RITA L. NEAL
County Counsel

By: /s/ Timothy McNulty
Assistant County Counsel

ATTEST:

JULIE L. RODEWALD
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

BY: Annette Ramirez
Deputy Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA) ss.
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO)

I, **JULIE L. RODEWALD**, County Clerk of the above entitled County, and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors thereof, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of an order entered in the minutes of said Board of Supervisors, and now remaining of record in my office.

Witness, my hand and seal of said Board of Supervisors this 19th day of March, 2014.

JULIE L. RODEWALD,
County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Annette Ramirez
Deputy Clerk