

AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL

(1) DEPARTMENT Administrative Office	(2) MEETING DATE August 23, 2016	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Dan Buckshi 781-5011	
(4) SUBJECT Request to ratify the Proclamation of Local Emergency made by the Director of Emergency Services on August 20, 2016 and provide direction to staff related to fee waivers for rebuilding. All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors ratify the Proclamation of Local Emergency made by the Director of Emergency Services on August 20, 2016 due to the Chimney Fire and it also recommended that the Board direct staff to bring back to the Board the necessary information and actions needed in order to waive fees for those who lost structures as a result of the fire.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) N/A	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT N/A	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT N/A	(9) BUDGETED? N/A
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ____) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. <u>30 minutes</u>)			
(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: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: _____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW This item was prepared by the County Administrative Office.			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts.			

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Dan Buckshi, County Administrative Officer/ Emergency Services Director

DATE: August 23, 2016

SUBJECT: Request to ratify the Proclamation of Local Emergency made by the Director of Emergency Services on August 20, 2016 and provide direction to staff related to fee waivers for rebuilding as a result of the Chimney Fire. All Districts.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors ratify the Proclamation of Local Emergency made by the Director of Emergency Services on August 20, 2016 due to the Chimney Fire and it also recommended that the Board direct staff to bring back to the Board the necessary information and actions needed in order to waive fees for those who lost structures as a result of the fire.

DISCUSSION

On August 20, 2016 County Administrative Officer and Director of Emergency Services Dan Buckshi proclaimed the existence of a local emergency as defined in Section 2.80.020 of County Code and California Government Code Section 8558(c). County Code 2.80.070 states that whenever a local emergency is proclaimed by the Director of Emergency Services, the Board of Supervisors shall take action to ratify the proclamation within seven days thereafter or the proclamation will have no further force and effect.

As the Chimney Fire spread at an accelerated pace on August 20, 2016 it was determined by the Emergency Services Director that there existed a condition of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the County of San Luis Obispo that was becoming harder to mitigate despite Cal Fire's best efforts. This determination included not only the area of and near the Chimney Fire but also the entire county because of the existence of the following conditions: extreme wildland fire behavior threatening human life, having destroyed many residential homes, natural resources and with a continuing extreme fire threat and limited resources.

Having a Local Proclamation of Emergency in effect allows for a more streamlined process for County resources to operate in order to take necessary actions to mitigate the emergency and protect the public, including the ability to make and issue orders and regulations on matters necessary for the protection of life and property. This authority includes streamlining the ability to obtain vital supplies, equipment, vehicles and such other property which are lacking and needed for the protection of life

and property. It also allows for the ability to require emergency services of any county officer or employee and to requisition necessary personnel or material of any county department or agency, among other authorities as outlined in County Code Section 2.80.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

Damage Assessment

Because the fire is ongoing, the following initial damage assessment is preliminary and will change. Damage assessment is on hold because evacuation orders are still in effect for the damaged areas because of continued fire danger. To date, damage assessment information has been gathered by fire teams, a County damage assessment team, and by American Red Cross.

- 3 Mobile Homes – Destroyed
- 26 Single family framed residences – Destroyed
- 6 Outbuildings – Destroyed
- 3 Single family framed residences - Damaged
- 3 Non-habitable Detached Garages – Destroyed
- 1 Non-habitable Shop – Destroyed
- 1 Outbuilding – Damaged
- 2 Non-Habitable Shops – Damaged

In addition to the above, at the time of this damage assessment, three single family dwellings could not be evaluated because of dangerous conditions.

Follow up damage assessments will be conducted to help gather more accurate information.

Given the significant number of structures damaged or destroyed, it is recommended that your Board direct staff to take the necessary actions in order to waive permit fees related to the repair and rebuilding of those structures in order to help provide some financial relief to the owners.

Obtaining Assistance

The primary contact for assistance for immediate needs is the American Red Cross, which can be contacted at (805) 250-1533. The Red Cross may also provide for immediate needs as the recovery process begins as well.

Additional resources for immediate needs may also be found by calling 211.

An online source for recovery guidance and related information can be found at the link below:
<http://www.theredguidetorecovery.com/>

More information will be available once the fire is contained and recovery efforts can be initiated.

Other Agency Involvement

This fire, as with any large fire, has hundreds of agencies assisting including fire agencies from throughout the state and beyond. However, many other agencies are involved. County departments include the Sheriff's Office, Office of Emergency Services, Public Works, County IT Communications, Planning and Building, Health Agency include Behavioral Health, Environmental Health, Emergency

Medical Services Agency. Outside agencies include American Red Cross, State Parks, California Highway Patrol, California Office of Emergency Services, Monterey County Park Rangers, Monterey County Sheriff's Office, Monterey County OES. The above is only a sampling of agencies involved.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

As the fire is continuing to burn intensely, the costs to the County have yet to be calculated. Direct costs associated with fighting the fire will be paid for by the State. Costs incurred by the County are being tracked and will be reported as part of a future update.

RESULTS

Ratifying the emergency proclamation will help to free up local resources to respond even more promptly by streamlining approval processes.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Chimney Fire Governor Emergency Proclamation
2. Signed Proclamation of Local Emergency