



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

(1) DEPARTMENT Office of Emergency Services	(2) MEETING DATE 1/14/2020	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Joe Guzzardi / 805-781-5011	
(4) SUBJECT Submittal of a resolution recognizing Jorge Rodriguez, Emergency Services Coordinator, who assisted Sonoma County in response to the Kincade Fire. All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board adopt a resolution recognizing Jorge Rodriguez.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) N/A	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(9) BUDGETED? No
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT { } Consent {X} Presentation { } Hearing (Time Est. _____) { } Board Business (Time Est. _____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS {X} Resolutions { } Contracts { } Ordinances { } N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: { } 4/5th's Vote Required {X} N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY {X} N/A Date _____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW <i>Nikki J. Schmidt</i>			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts			



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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board adopt a resolution recognizing Jorge Rodriguez.

DISCUSSION

The Kincade Fire of October 2019 was the largest of the 2019 California wildfire season and the largest wildfire ever to occur in Sonoma County. The fire burned for 15 days, covered approximately 77,758 acres, destroyed 374 structures, and displaced nearly 52,000 Sonoma County residents.

The County of San Luis Obispo, through the Emergency Management Mutual Aid System, answered the call by deploying personnel resources from the Office of Emergency Services, joining other agencies from throughout the state providing needed assistance to Sonoma County.

Jorge Rodriguez, Emergency Services Coordinator, with the Office of Emergency Services, offered to respond and was deployed from Saturday, October 26 through Thursday, November 7, 2019. He worked long shifts in the Sonoma County Joint Information Center and Local Assistance Center providing a critical communication link as a bilingual public information officer.

Jorge posted incident information in Spanish on social media and provided live phone interviews in both English and Spanish to radio, television and print media, which had around the clock coverage of the fire. He also created a words and terms glossary for use by translators during the incident in order to maintain consistency in verbiage.

The Kincade Fire burned until becoming fully contained on November 6, 2019. Jorge Rodriguez was committed to working as long as was needed to support Sonoma County's Joint Information Center and Local Assistance Center.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

The County Office of Emergency Services coordinated with the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services and the County of Sonoma in filling resource requests through the Emergency Management Mutual Aid System.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no financial considerations directly associated with this item.

RESULTS

In adopting this resolution, the Board of Supervisors commends and recognizes Jorge Rodriguez, who assisted Sonoma County in response to the Kincade Fire.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Resolution for Jorge Rodriguez