

PLACER COUNTY
COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE
MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Supervisors

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DATE: December 11, 2007

SUBJECT: Update on Placer County's fire response to the recent fires in Southern California/San Diego area

Request

That your Board receive a presentation from Fire Chief Brad Harris regarding Placer County's fire response to the recent damaging fires in Southern California.

Background

As your Board is well aware, each summer California's climate creates the potential for wildland fires. While all areas of the state are subjected to the wildland fire hazard, most recently the San Diego area suffered significant losses due to dry conditions combined with the well-known Santa Ana winds.

Major fire incidents typically overwhelm most fire entities requiring that assistance be drawn from other fire agencies across the state. California's Master Mutual Aid Agreement provides the legal framework for drawing the appropriate resources from anywhere in the state so that they can be alerted, assembled and deployed in a rapid fashion to an area of need.

This Mutual Aid system is utilized in the fire service on a regular basis and under that umbrella, CalFire and various other Placer County fire entities provided fire assistance to Southern California. Today, your Board will receive an update on the assistance provided by Placer County fire entities.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact from receiving this information today.

