

PLACER COUNTY  
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

MEMORANDUM

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**From:** David Boesch, County Executive Officer  
by: John McEldowney, Program Manager

**Date:** October 7, 2014

**Subject:** Adopt a Resolution terminating the state of Local Emergency as proclaimed on September 23, 2014 by the Board of Supervisors

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**REQUESTED ACTION**

Adopt the attached Resolution to terminate the existence of a local emergency due to the King Fire, which crossed the Rubicon River on September 17<sup>th</sup>, burned up to and slightly beyond French Meadows Reservoir, and prompted the September 23<sup>rd</sup> Proclamation by the Board of Supervisors.

**BACKGROUND**

Initial Situation:

The King fire, started by arson near Pollock Pines in El Dorado County, crossed the Rubicon River on September 17<sup>th</sup> and in one eventful night ran 15 miles up to French Meadows Reservoir, ultimately grew to over 90,000 acres and threatened water and power generating infrastructure owned by the Placer County Water Agency. (PCWA) In addition, the fire presented a potentially existential, though not imminent, threat to several communities from Foresthill, Alpine Meadows, Squaw Valley and other communities in the Lake Tahoe Basin. This fire was so large and dangerous that smoke pouring over the Sierra Nevada crest and into the Lake Tahoe Basin caused the cancellation of the Lake Tahoe Ironman race scheduled for September 21. In addition, air quality health warnings and advisories were regularly in effect across large portions of the County and several schools ended up closing in an attempt to mitigate the effects of smoke on children. The September 23, 2014 Proclamation of a Local Emergency has been forwarded to the Governor for potential eligible response cost reimbursement (75%) under terms of the California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA). The Office of Emergency services has forwarded an Initial Damage Estimate to the Governor's officer for potential reimbursement consideration.

Termination of the Proclamation: The requirements for termination of local emergencies is laid out in §8630 of Chapter 7 of Division 1 of Title 2 of California Government Code, aka *the Emergency Services Act*. Among other things, it states that the "governing body shall proclaim the termination of the local emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant."

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no impact to the General Fund caused by terminating the proclamation.

**Attachments**

Resolution terminating the September 23, 2014 Proclamation of Local Emergency  
Copy of September 23, 2014 Proclamation

**Before the Board of Supervisors  
County of Placer, State of California**

**In the matter of: A RESOLUTION TERMINATING  
THE STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY EXISTING  
IN PLACER COUNTY SINCE SEPTEMBER 23, 2014**

Resol. No: \_\_\_\_\_

The following **RESOLUTION** was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held **October 7, 2014** by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

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Chair, Board of Supervisors

**Attest:**

**Clerk of Board** \_\_\_\_\_

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**WHEREAS**, Chapter 7 of Division 1 of Title 2 of California Government Code confers upon the governing bodies of the political subdivisions of this state emergency powers necessary to protect health and safety and preserve lives and property; and

**WHEREAS**, California Government Code Section 8630 authorizes the Board of Supervisors to proclaim the existence of a local emergency upon the actual or threatened existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the county, and further requires the Board of Supervisors, at its regularly scheduled board meetings, to review the need for continuing the local emergency until such emergency is terminated; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 23, 2014 the Board of Supervisors proclaimed the existence of a local emergency due to the King Fire in Placer County; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the conclusion of all major initial response activities, the existence of a local emergency is deemed to have been terminated effective today, October 7, 2014.

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Resol. No: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer hereby terminates the state of local emergency initially proclaimed on September 23, 2014 in response to the King Fire.

**RESOLVED FURTHER,** the Clerk of the Board of the Supervisors of the County of Placer shall certify the adoption of this resolution, and thenceforth and thereafter the same shall be in full force and effect.

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF PLACER,  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**In the matter of: A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING  
A LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR THE KING FIRE  
IN PLACER COUNTY**

**Resolution No. 2014-196**

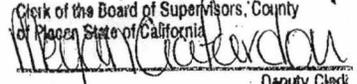
The following **Resolution** was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held, **Tuesday, September 23, 2014** by the following vote on roll call:

**Ayes:** WEYGANDT, HOLMES, UHLER, MONTGOMERY, DURAN

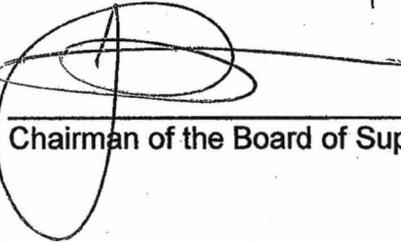
**Noes:** NONE

**Absent:** NONE

THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT IS A CORRECT  
COPY OF THE ORIGINAL ON FILE IN THIS OFFICE  
ATTEST

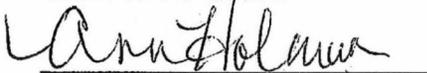
ANN HOLMAN  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County  
of Placer, State of California  
  
Deputy Clerk

Signed and approved by me after its passage.



Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

Attest:  
Clerk of the Board



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**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF PLACER, STATE OF  
CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN THAT:**

**WHEREAS**, the California Emergency Services Act, Chapter 7, of the California Government Code, commencing with § 8550 confers upon the governing bodies of the political subdivisions of this state emergency powers necessary to protect health and safety and preserve lives and property; and

**WHEREAS**, § 8630 of the California Government Code, states that "a local emergency may be proclaimed only by the governing body of a county, city and county, or city, or by an official so designated by ordinance adopted by such governing body;" and

**WHEREAS**, County Code Chapter 2, Article 2.88, Section 2.88.060 of the County of Placer empowers the Director of Emergency Services to request that the Board of Supervisors proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when said County is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity with such declaration to remain in effect for fourteen (14) days, and subject to reaffirmation, unless such local emergency is terminated; and

**WHEREAS**, The Director of Emergency Services hereby requests that the Board of Supervisors proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer does hereby find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within said County, caused by an extreme wildland fire commencing in El Dorado County on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014, and spread within the borders of Placer County at a rapid speed causing such eminent danger as to necessitate these findings and the proclamation of a local emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the King Fire possess a threat to major infrastructure both within the fire perimeter and within areas of potential fire spread, including power lines, water and power generation infrastructure of Placer County Water Agency, which supplies water and power to the residents of Placer County and elsewhere; and

**WHEREAS**, the King Fire poses an immediate threat to numerous private homes and other structures in the rural communities of eastern Placer County; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Placer has been impacted recently by the drought and catastrophic fires within last several years, including the American Fire in 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, the response to the King Fire is beyond the capabilities of the local resources;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer, State of California hereby declares the existence of a local emergency and said emergency shall be deemed to continue until its termination is proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors;

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the Director of Emergency Services and the emergency organization of the county shall be those prescribed by state law, and by ordinance and resolutions of this county approved by the Board of Supervisors, and by the *Placer Operational Area Emergency Operations Plan*, as approved by the Board of Supervisors.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that a certified copy of this resolution proclaiming a local emergency be forwarded to the Governor of California with a request that he proclaim the County of Placer to be in a state of emergency, and with a request that the State of California waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts, to make available recovery assistance under the California Disaster Assistance Act, and to expedite access to federal resource and any other appropriate federal relief programs.

