

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

In the matter of: A RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE
DECLARATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO THE
RIVER FIRE SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACTING COMMUNITIES IN
PLACER COUNTY

Resolution No.: 2021-291

The following Resolution was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer
at a regular meeting held August 31, 2021, by the following vote:

Ayes: GORE, HOLMES, JONES, GUSTAFSON, WEYGANDT

Noes: NONE

Absent: NONE

Signed and approved by me after its passage.


Chair, Board of Supervisors

Attest:


Clerk of said Board

WHEREAS, Chapter 2 of the Placer County Code empowers the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim a local emergency when the county is affected or threatened by an event causing great damage, possible loss of life, or other public calamity and the Board of Supervisors is not in session; and

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2021, the River Fire started near Colfax, burning 2,619 acres of land and caused significant structural damage to, or the complete destruction of, numerous private structures.

WHEREAS, on August 5, 2021, the Governor of California proclaimed a state of emergency in Placer County due to the River Fire and secured a Fire Management Grant (FMAG) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to help ensure the availability of vital resources to suppress the River Fire; and

WHEREAS, on August 5, 2021, the Director of Emergency Services proclaimed a local emergency due to the River Fire threatening communities in Placer County; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.88.060 of the Placer County Code requires the Board of Supervisors to ratify the local emergency proclamation within seven (7) days or the proclamation will no longer be in force; and

WHEREAS, August 10, 2021, the Board of Supervisors ratified the local emergency proclamation with the adoption of Resolution No. 2021-280.

WHEREAS, a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration for California wildfires, including the River Fire in Placer County, was issued on August 24, 2021.

WHEREAS, conditions associated with the River Fire posed and continue to pose an ongoing threat to numerous private homes and other structures in the rural communities of Placer County, including power lines and water infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the County of Placer had activated the Emergency Operations Center, and these conditions are, or are likely to be, beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the County of Placer; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Placer County Board of Supervisors hereby reaffirms the existence of a local emergency due to the significant, ongoing and possible undiscovered impacts due to the River Fire in Placer County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Placer County Board of Supervisors shall review the need for continuing the local emergency at least every sixty (60) days and shall terminate the local emergency as soon as local conditions warrant.

BE IT PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to state and federal agencies in order to secure appropriate disaster relief programs.

The foregoing Resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors for the County of Placer, State of California at the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors on August 31, 2021 by the vote listed above.