



**MEMORANDUM**  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE**  
**OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**  
County of Placer

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors **DATE:** September 13, 2022  
**FROM:** Jane Christenson, Acting County Executive Officer  
**BY:** Dave Atkinson, Assistant Director of Emergency Services  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution to Ratify the Proclamation of a Local Emergency in Placer County.

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

Adopt a Resolution to ratify a Proclamation of a Local Emergency in Placer County due to the Mosquito Fire.

**BACKGROUND**

When a condition of extreme peril or potential peril to the safety of persons and property exists, and the condition is beyond the capability of local forces to control effectively, the Board of Supervisors or a person authorized by the Board may proclaim that a local emergency exists. A local emergency may be proclaimed to exist due to a specific situation, such as flood, fire, storm, earthquake, epidemic, drought, sudden and severe energy shortage, or other condition, as authorized by Section 8630 of the California Government Code.

The Mosquito Fire started near Oxbow Reservoir on September 6, 2022. The Placer County Office of Emergency Services activated the Emergency Operations Center at level 3 on that same day. As of Thursday, September 7, 2022, the fire was estimated to be 6,870 acres and 0% contained. The fire threatens major infrastructure, including water and power, as well as homes and other structures.

The action before your Board asks for your Board to ratify the Proclamation of local emergency issued by the County's Director of Emergency Services on September 7, 2022.

Additional facts and updates will be provided at the time this item is presented to the Board.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Potential fiscal impact is currently unknown.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A - Proclamation of Existence of a Local Emergency  
Attachment B - Resolution

**PROCLAMATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL  
EMERGENCY BY THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF  
EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY OF  
PLACER DUE TO THE SEPTEMBER 6, 2022 MOSQUITO  
FIRE**

**WHEREAS**, California Government Code section 8630 authorizes the proclamation of a local emergency by an official designated by ordinance adopted by the local governing body; and

**WHEREAS**, California Government Code section 8558 states that a local emergency means the duly proclaimed existence of conditions of disaster or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property; and

**WHEREAS**, whenever a local emergency is declared by a local official designated by ordinance, said local emergency shall not remain in effect for more than seven (7) days unless it has been ratified by the governing body; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 2 of the Placer County Code authorizes the Director of Emergency Services of Placer County to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency whenever the County is affected or likely to be affected by a local emergency and the Placer County Board of Supervisors is not in session; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 6, 2022, the Mosquito Fire ignited in Placer County and quickly grew to over 800 acres, prompting extensive evacuations of Michigan Bluff, Gorman Ranch, Baker Ranch, and parts of Foresthill; and

**WHEREAS**, the damage to the community is currently unknown, but expected to be significant; and

**WHEREAS**, the aforesaid conditions created by the Mosquito Fire constitute a local emergency and warrant and necessitate the Proclamation of the Existence of a Local Emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer is not in session and cannot immediately be called into session to proclaim a local emergency caused by the Mosquito Fire.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED** by the Acting Director of Emergency Services for the County of Placer that as of September 7, 2022, a local emergency now exists in Placer County because of the Mosquito Fire, which constitutes a substantial threat to the health and safety of residents in and around Foresthill; and

**IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the Office of Emergency Services of Placer County shall be those prescribed by State law, and by ordinances, resolutions, and memorandums of understanding of Placer County; and that this emergency proclamation shall expire seven (7) days after issuance unless this emergency proclamation is confirmed and ratified by the Placer County Board of Supervisors.

Dated: September 7, 2022

BY: 

David Atkinson, PE, Assistant Director of  
Emergency Services  
For Jane Christenson, by direction

Jane Christenson  
Acting Director of Emergency Services

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

**In the matter of: A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE  
PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO  
THE MOSQUITO FIRE SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACTING  
COMMUNITIES IN PLACER COUNTY**

Resolution No.: \_\_\_\_\_

The following Resolution was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held September 13, 2022, by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

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Chair, Board of Supervisors

Attest:

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Clerk of said Board

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**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 September 7, 2022, the Director of Emergency Services proclaimed a local emergency due to the Mosquito 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 emergency proclamation within seven (7) days or the proclamation will no longer be in force; and

**WHEREAS**, thousands of Placer County residents continue to be threatened by the rapid growth of the Mosquito Fire, resulting in a substantial risk to the safety of these residents and/or the loss of their homes and belongings, thereby necessitating mass mandatory and voluntary evacuations of those individuals living in and around the fire zone; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mosquito Fire posed and continues to pose an immediate 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 has 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

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Placer County Board of Supervisors hereby ratifies the proclamation of a local emergency due to the significant, ongoing and possible undiscovered impacts due to the Mosquito 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 month and shall terminate the emergency as soon as local conditions warrant.

**BE IT PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Director of the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services requesting that the Director find it acceptable in accordance with State law; that the Governor of California pursuant to the Emergency Services Act, issue a proclamation declaring an emergency in Placer County; that the Governor waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts; that response and recovery assistance be made available under the California Disaster Assistance Act; and that the State expedite access to State and Federal resources and any other appropriate federal 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 September 13, 2022 by the vote listed above.

