



Health & Human Services Agency

COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: June 29, 2021

Public Hearing Required	N/A
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	N/A
Published Notice Required	N/A
Advertised Published Notice	N/A
Meet & Confer Required	N/A
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	N/A
Personnel Resolution attached	N/A
Agreement(s) attached	N/A

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SUBJECT: Reaffirm the existence of Local Emergency and Local Health Emergency due to the Sequoia Complex Fire

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Reaffirm the proclamation of a Local Emergency due to the Sequoia Complex Fire, Resolution No. 2020-0596.
2. Reaffirm the declaration of a Local Health Emergency due to the Sequoia Complex Fire, Resolution No. 2020-0667.

SUMMARY:

The Sequoia Lightning Complex Fire on the Sequoia National Forest (generally referred to as the "SQF Complex") was first detected on August 19, 2020. The fire burned over 170,000 acres, destroying 171 residences and numerous outbuildings.

A Local Emergency was proclaimed for the fire on August 28, 2020 and ratified by the Board of Supervisors on September 1, 2020. A Local Health Emergency was declared by the Tulare County Health Officer on September 24, 2020 due to the destruction of structures and the resulting hazardous debris, which was ratified by the Board of Supervisors on September 29, 2020.

As the resulting health and safety hazard conditions continue to exist in the impacted areas, through the presence of post-fire debris and increased risk of debris flow and flash flooding, staff requests that the Board of Supervisors reaffirm the existence of a Local

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Emergency as prescribed by California Government Code §8630(c), and a Local Health Emergency as prescribed by California Health & Safety Code §101080.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There is no cost to maintaining a Local Emergency or Local Health Emergency. The total fiscal impacts of the Sequoia Complex Fire will be addressed separately.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's five-year strategic plan includes the Safety and Security initiative, with a directive to plan and provide coordinated emergency preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation capabilities for both natural and man-made disasters. The Local Emergency and Local Health Emergency ensure a coordinated response that address the full range of wildfire-related safety hazards in the affected area.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

/s/Timothy Lutz
Timothy W. Lutz
Agency Director

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachments: None