



Health & Human Services Agency

COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: March 7, 2023

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

CONTACT PERSON: Andrew Lockman PHONE: 559-624-8000

SUBJECT: Reaffirm the existence of Local Emergencies and Local Health Emergencies due to Wildfires

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Reaffirm the proclamation of a Local Emergency due to the Sequoia Complex Fire, Resolution No. 2020-0569.
2. Reaffirm the declaration of a Local Health Emergency due to the Sequoia Complex Fire, Resolution No. 2020-0667.
3. Reaffirm the proclamation of a Local Emergency due to the September Lightning Fires, Resolution No. 2021-0726.
4. Reaffirm the declaration of a Local Health Emergency due to the September Lightning Fires, Resolution No. 2021-0861.

SUMMARY:

The 2020 SQF Complex Fire and the 2021 September Lightning Fires (consisting of the Windy and KNP Complex Fires) collectively burned over 360,000 acres and destroyed over 200 structures within Tulare County. While most of the public health and safety hazards have been mitigated by a combination of private, local, State, and Federal efforts, a small portion of the hazards remain. The remaining hazards are pending either completion of required environmental and historical preservation reviews and/or the private property hazard abatement process before they can be fully mitigated.

Staff has combined these matters into a single Agenda Item for the convenience of the Board of Supervisors in satisfying the ongoing renewal requirements of Government Code §8630 and Health & Safety Code §101080. At such time as the conditions of

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emergency have been abated on one or both fires, the appropriate emergencies will be brought to the Board for termination in accordance with those statutes.

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 Emergencies and Local Health Emergencies ensure a coordinated response that addresses the full range of wildfire-related safety hazards in the affected areas.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

/s/ Donna Ortiz
Donna Ortiz
Agency Director

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachments: None