



CALAVERAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA SUBMITTAL

Short Name/Subject Continuation of a Local State of Emergency on Tree Mortality	Board Meeting Date September 12, 2017	Agenda Number 19
Dept: Administrative Office Contact: Tim Lutz Phone: 209/754-6025	Supervisory District Number Countywide	Consent Agenda
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RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution continuing a Local State of Emergency on Tree Mortality.

DISCUSSION/SUMMARY:

On January 17, 2014, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a Drought State of Emergency as the State was and continues to experience the most severe drought in known history--with four years of below average rain and snow fall. The drought is causing widespread tree mortality and a major bark beetle epidemic.

On July 31, 2015, Governor Brown proclaimed a State of Emergency due to a series of wildfires statewide. He indicated that drought conditions have increased the State's risk of wildfires and caused millions of trees to die. On October 30, 2015, Governor Brown further proclaimed a State of Emergency due to the vast tree mortality within several regions of the state.

As a result of the Butte Fire, tree mortality will likely be significantly enhanced in Calaveras County due to dead trees giving off the chemical Terpene, which attracts the bark beetle. The bark beetle is responsible for the tree mortality currently being witnessed in the State, and although the beetle is attracted to the chemical given off by the dead trees, they will only attack surrounding living trees.

On November 24, 2015, the Board of Supervisors adopted the State of Emergency for Calaveras County due to widespread tree mortality and a major bark beetle epidemic.

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August 22, 2017 and August 29, 2017 the Board of Supervisors continued the State of Emergency for tree mortality.

The US Forest Service and Cal Fire have reported an estimated 22 million dead trees due to the drought and bark beetles. Unless the risks posed by dead, dying and diseased trees are immediately abated, there will be a significantly increased risk to life and property (e.g. trees falling on homes), and interruption of essential services (i.e. roads, power, water, sewer, communications). The magnitude of pervasive tree mortality represents a threat that is beyond the capacity of the County (public and private) services, personnel, equipment and facilities and requires coordination and assistance from State and Federal agencies.

FINANCING:

Adoption of this resolution will have no impact on the County General Fund.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board could choose not to adopt the resolution proclaiming a State of Emergency, however staff recommends that the resolution be adopted in order to access assistance as cited in the Governors October 30, 2015 proclamation.

APPROVED BY:



Tim Lutz, County Administrative Officer

8/22/2017



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8/23/2017



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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF CALAVERAS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
September 12, 2017

Resolution
No. (ID # 3172)

**RESOLUTION CONTINUING A LOCAL STATE OF
EMERGENCY IN CALAVERAS COUNTY DUE TO
PERVASIVE TREE MORTALITY**

WHEREAS, California Government Code section 8630 empowers the Board of Supervisors to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property and are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of this County; and

WHEREAS, on January 17, 2014, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a Drought State of Emergency as the State is experiencing the most severe drought in history, with four years of below average rain and snow fall; and

WHEREAS, California is in its 4th year of record drought resulting in widespread tree mortality and a major bark beetle epidemic; and

WHEREAS, on July 31, 2015, Governor Brown proclaimed a State of Emergency due to a series of wildfires statewide, citing drought conditions which have increased the State's risk of wildfires and caused millions of trees to die; and

WHEREAS, on October 30, 2015, Governor Brown proclaimed a State of Emergency due to the vast tree mortality within several regions of the state; and

WHEREAS, the US Forest Service and Cal Fire have reported an estimated 22 million dead trees with tens of millions more likely to die by the end of this year due to the drought and bark beetles; and

WHEREAS, unless the risks posed by dead, dying and diseased trees are immediately abated, there will be a significantly increased risk to life and property (e.g. trees falling on homes), and an interruption of essential services (i.e. roads, power, water, sewer, communications); and

WHEREAS, the magnitude of pervasive tree mortality represents a threat that is beyond the capacity of the County (public and private) services, personnel, equipment and facilities and requires coordination and assistance from State and Federal agencies.

WHEREAS, On November 24, 2015, the Board of Supervisors adopted the State of Emergency for Calaveras County due to widespread tree mortality and a major bark beetle epidemic.

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23, 2017, May 30, 2017, June 13, 2017, June 27, 2017, July 11, 2017, July 25, 2017, August 8, 2017, August 22, 2017 and August 29, 2017 the Board of Supervisors continued the State of Emergency for tree mortality.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Calaveras County Board of Supervisors does hereby find that the aforesaid conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the proclamation of a local emergency in Calaveras County and imminent threat of disaster as the result of tree mortality.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Calaveras County Board of Supervisors concurs with the Governor's Proclamation of a State of Emergency due to tree mortality.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Calaveras County also requests the State of California assist in the coordination of resources as specified in the Governor's October 30, 2015 Proclamation of a State of Emergency due to tree mortality as a result of bark beetle infestation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Calaveras County also requests the State of California to waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts, make available assistance under the California Disaster Assistance Act or any other state funding (e.g. SRA Grant Funds, AB32 Funds, etc...), and to expedite access to federal resources and any other appropriate federal disaster relief programs (e.g. USAD Funding, etc...).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that said local State of Emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors, County of Calaveras, State of California.

Chair

ATTEST

Rebecca Turner, Ex-Officio Clerk
of the Board of Supervisors, County of Calaveras

Deputy Clerk