

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO THE PG&E PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUTDOWN OCTOBER 2019

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 8630 and Calaveras County Code Section 2.72 empower the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency as defined by California Government Code Section 8558 when the County is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity, and the Board of Supervisors is not in session; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Calaveras is not in session and cannot immediately be called into session; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services of the County of Calaveras hereby finds that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within Calaveras County, caused by PG&E's stated imminent de-energization event known as a Public Safety Power Shutdown (PSPS) affecting substantial portions of the County and likely impacting tens of thousands of residents. The announced de-energization could last several days and will affect significant County and community operations, including critical public infrastructure and services, and will require the provision of additional public safety and emergency services notwithstanding impaired response capability caused by the de-energization.

WHEREAS, the PSPS is anticipated to begin on or around Wednesday October 9, 2019 and continue into October 10, 2019 and beyond, and the impact of the PSPS will exceed available County resources; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid conditions warrant and necessitate the proclamation of a Local Emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Director finds that these emergency conditions are beyond the immediate capabilities of local resources, services, personnel, equipment, and facilities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a local emergency now exists throughout Calaveras County pursuant to Government Code Section 8630 and other applicable laws; and the County of Calaveras requests all available response and recovery assistance from the State of California and its agencies as deemed appropriate by the Governor of California, including funding under the California Disaster Assistance Act and Federal Stafford Act; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the Director of Emergency Services and the emergency organization of the County shall be those prescribed by state law, and by ordinance and resolutions of this County approved by the Board of Supervisors, and by the Calaveras County Operational Area Emergency Operations Plan, as approved by the Board of Supervisors; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this declaration be forwarded to the Governor of California with the request that he proclaim the County of Calaveras to be in a state of emergency; and,

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that John K. Osbourn, Director of Emergency Services, is hereby designated as the authorized representative of the County of Calaveras for the purpose of receipt, processing, and coordination of all inquiries and requirements necessary to obtain available state and federal assistance.

Dated: October 9, 2019

By: 
John K. Osbourn, MA, Director, Office of Emergency Services