

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF CALAVERAS  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
November 17, 2015

**Resolution  
No. 20151117129**

**Declaration of 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

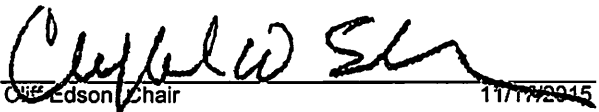
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Calaveras County also requests the State of California assist in the coordination of resources as specified in the Governor's October 30, 2015 Proclamation of a State of Emergency due to tree mortality as a result of bark beetle infestation.

**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.

ON A MOTION by Supervisor Kearney seconded by Supervisor Oliveira, the foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Calaveras, State of California this 17th day of November, 2015, by the following vote:

<b>AYES:</b> Edson, Wright, Oliveira, Ponte, Kearney
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Chair Edson Chair 11/17/2015

**ATTEST**

  
Diana Beverud, Clerk of the Board 11/17/2015