

WHEREAS, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 101080, the Health Officer for the County of Sonoma is authorized to proclaim the existence of a local health emergency when this County or any area of the county is affected or likely to be affected such a public health threat while the Board of Supervisors is not in session, subject to ratification by the Board of Supervisors within seven days, and subject to reaffirmation every 30 days thereafter until such local health emergency is terminated; and

WHEREAS, the Health Officer for the County of Sonoma hereby finds that:

(a) The Kincade Fire has created certain hazardous waste conditions in the County in the form of contaminated debris from household hazardous waste/materials and structural debris resulting from the destruction of a large number of structures; and

(b) Post-fire conditions, if not addressed, have the potential to threaten water supplies; and

(c) The hazardous waste debris poses a substantial present or potential hazard to human health and the environment unless immediately addressed and managed; and

(d) There is an imminent and proximate threat of infectious or communicable disease and/or non-communicable biologic agents due to accumulations of perishable foods and other organic materials that normally require refrigeration but have been left to spoil due to lack of electricity and also due to potential contamination or destruction of residential and commercial water supply in the burned areas; and

(e) The combination of lowering temperatures, de-energization, and mass population displacement threatens human health; and

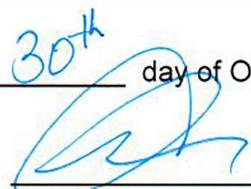
(f) The Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma is not in session and cannot immediately be called into session; and

(g) These threats to public health necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local health emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS PROCLAIMED that a local health emergency now exists in the burned areas of the County due to hazardous waste in the form of contaminated debris from hazardous waste/materials and structural debris from the ongoing Kincaid Fire and due to contamination of residential food and water supply; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of the local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the County Health Officer shall be those prescribed by State law, including the provisions of Sections 101040 and 101085 of the Health and Safety Code, and by ordinances, resolutions, and approved plans of the County of Sonoma in order to mitigate the effects of the local emergency.

SIGNED AND SUBSCRIBED this 30th day of October, 2019.



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Sonoma County Health Officer