



COUNTY OF SONOMA

575 ADMINISTRATION
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SANTA ROSA, CA 95403

SUMMARY REPORT

Agenda Date: 11/5/2019

To: Board of Supervisors

Department or Agency Name(s): Department of Health Services; Office of Recovery and Resiliency

Staff Name and Phone Number: Dr. Celeste Philip, 565-4426; Michael Gossman 565-7056; Christine Sosko, 565-6521

Vote Requirement: Majority

Supervisorial District(s): Countywide

Title:

Adopt a resolution ratifying the proclamation of local health emergency in the Sonoma County Operational area due to hazardous conditions resulting from the Kincade Fire.

Recommended Action:

Adopt a resolution ratifying the Health Officer's proclamation of a local health emergency due to the Kincade Fire.

Executive Summary:

This item requests the Board of Supervisors to adopt a resolution ratifying the proclamation of local health emergency by the Sonoma County Health Officer due to the Kincade Fire that began on Wednesday, October 23, 2019. The Health Officer proclaimed a local health emergency on October 30, 2019 due to contaminated debris from household hazardous waste/materials and structural debris resulting from the destruction of a large number of structures. Under Health and Safety Code section 101080, the health emergency proclamation requires ratification by the Board of Supervisors within 7 days to remain in effect.

Discussion:

The Health Officer proclaimed a local health emergency on October 30, 2019 due to contaminated debris from household hazardous waste/materials and structural debris resulting from the destruction of a large number of structures. Under Health and Safety Code section 101080, the health emergency proclamation requires ratification by the Board of Supervisors within 7 days to remain in effect.

Debris and ash from this fire contains hazardous substances. The health effects of hazardous substance releases after a wildfire are well documented. Improper handling can expose workers to toxic materials, and improper transport and disposal of fire debris can spread hazardous substances throughout the community.

At the time of this writing, County staff are working on ensuring that there is a sweep for household hazardous waste, similar to what occurred in 2017, and are in active discussions with the State about what assistance the State can provide with the cleanup. This discussion with the State also impacts the nature of the broader fire debris cleanup program. Staff will be able to provide you with more information on these discussion at your meeting.

The Office of Recovery and Resiliency and Department of Health Services will be returning to your Board with

an urgency ordinance to provide for a safe fire cleanup of hazardous debris. Pending the adoption of those requirements, on November 1, 2019, the Health Officer issued an order advising that “Property owners and the community should not enter the burn footprint of structures without Personal Protective Equipment,” and requiring no cleanup activities without the written authorization of the Department of Health Services, Environmental Health.

Prior Board Actions:

FISCAL SUMMARY

Expenditures	FY 19-20 Adopted	FY20-21 Projected	FY 21-22 Projected
Budgeted Expenses			
Additional Appropriation Requested			
Total Expenditures			
Funding Sources			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal			
Fees/Other			
Use of Fund Balance			
Contingencies			
Total Sources			

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:

Staffing Impacts:			
Position Title (Payroll Classification)	Monthly Salary Range (A-I Step)	Additions (Number)	Deletions (Number)

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

Attachments:

Proposed Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California, Ratifying Local Health Emergency; Proclamation Of A Local Health Emergency By The Sonoma County Health Officer; Emergency Order Of The Sonoma County Health Officer Concerning Re-Entry And Prohibiting The Endangerment Of The Community Through The Unsafe Removal, Transport, And Disposal Of Fire Debris

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