



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: September 14,
2021

Item Number: _____
Resolution Number: _____

☐ 4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution of The Board of Supervisors of The County Of Sonoma, State of California,
Continuing the Proclamation of Local Emergency Due to the Kincade Fire, Exacerbated by
Mandatory Evacuations, the Extreme Fire Danger Created by Successive Wind Events, and
Corresponding De-Energization in the Sonoma County Operational Area**

Whereas, on October 24, 2019, the Director of Emergency Services for the County of Sonoma Issued a Proclamation of a Local Emergency for the County of Sonoma, State of California related to the Kincade Fire and risk of additional fires in light of the Kincade fire, extreme fire danger weather and concurrent Pacific Gas and Electric (“PG&E”) de-energization events underway and anticipated (the “Director’s Declaration of Local Emergency”); and

Whereas, on October 25, 2019, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a state of emergency exists in Sonoma County due to the fires in Sonoma County; and

Whereas, due to the Kincade Fire threat to the life safety, homes and critical infrastructure in the county, the Sonoma County Sheriff issued mandatory evacuations for multiple areas of the County beginning on October 26, 2019; and

Whereas, on October 31, 2019, the Board of Supervisors ratified the Director’s Declaration of Local Emergency; and

Whereas, the conditions of extreme peril created by the Kincade Fire were exacerbated by an unprecedented series of wind events—commencing on Tuesday, October 22, 2019, Saturday, October 26, 2019, and Tuesday, October 29, 2019, respectively—with historic

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maximum wind speeds and corresponding de-energization of large portions of the electric grid in the Sonoma County Operational Area; and

Whereas, the Kincade Fire also resulted in PG&E enacting additional safety measures, including shutting off gas service and expanding the footprint of the power shutdown. The additional safety measures taken by PG&E in direct response to the Kincade Fire, combined with the mandatory evacuation order issued by the Sheriff's Office, resulted in a more reaching impact on residents and visitors. Residents were unable to occupy their homes and businesses were forced to close. As a result of the additional measures taken by PG&E in direct response to risks presented by the Kincade Fire, many businesses were unable to sell or produce products during this time and/or suffered a loss of perishable products; and

Whereas, the Kincade Fire has caused widespread destruction, burning 77,758 acres, and destroying 374 structures, including the loss of 174 homes; and

Whereas, the Sonoma County Health Officer issued a Proclamation of Local Health Emergency on October 30, 2019 due to contaminated debris from household hazardous waste/materials and structural debris resulting from the destruction of the large number of structures. On November 5, 2019, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 19-0475 ratifying the Health Officer's Proclamation of a Local Health Emergency; and

Whereas, on November 5, 2019, the Board of Supervisors adopted an urgency ordinance establishing requirements for the removal of fire damaged debris to protect public health and the environment; and

Whereas, as long as any fire debris remains to be cleared, it poses an imminent and extensive threat to public health and safety, the environment (including creating serious concerns for water quality and supply due to the presence of hazardous materials), public infrastructure, and undamaged property. In addition, the wildfire ravaged hillsides leaving large swaths with inadequate vegetation, creating threats of erosion and landslides; and

Whereas, California Government Code section 8630 of Article 14, Local Emergency, of Chapter 7 of the Emergency Services Act requires that the County review the need for

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continuing the local emergency at least once every 60 days until the local governing body terminates the local emergency; and

Whereas, due to the severity and pervasiveness of the Kincade Fire disaster, there is an ongoing and imminent threat to public safety and undamaged property that support the need to continue the local emergency.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved the Board of Supervisors does hereby finds there is an ongoing and imminent threat to public safety and undamaged property that warrant the need to continue the local emergency as authorized by Government Code section 8630.

Be It Further Resolved and Proclaimed that the local emergency ratified by Resolution No. 19-0473 and thereafter supplemented by Resolution No. 19-0561 is hereby continued for another 60 days in accordance with Government Code section 8630 and shall continue in full force and effect.

Supervisors:

Gorin:

Rabbitt:

Coursey:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.