



## Legislation Text

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**To:** Board of Supervisors, County of Sonoma

**Department or Agency Name(s):** Emergency Management; Agriculture/Weights & Measures; Sheriff's Office

**Staff Name and Phone Number:** Jeffrey DuVall / (707) 565-1152; Andrew Smith / (707) 565-2371; Sheriff Eddie Engram / (707) 565-2650

**Vote Requirement:** Informational Only

**Supervisorial District(s):** All Districts

**Title:**

Wildfire Preparedness Update

**Recommended Action:**

Informational only.

**Executive Summary:**

The wildfire preparedness update will be an information-sharing where staff will provide preparedness information on: the upcoming fire season projections, Fire Operational Area readiness, volunteer fire companies staffing, county Emergency Management's (DEM) preparedness efforts, regional collaboration efforts underway with local city governments, special districts, Tribal nations, neighboring counties, and state agencies such as the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES), and the California Department of Social Services (CDSS). In addition, the Agricultural Commissioner and Sheriff's Office will provide a refresher of the County's agriculture pass program and participation to date.

**Discussion:**

In the last five years, Sonoma County has experienced 14 locally proclaimed disasters, including wildfires, floods, drought, and power shut-off events. As Sonoma County enters the summer, and soon the fall season, the potential for large wildfires, power shut-off events, and extreme temperature events return to the surface.

Since 2019, the Department of Emergency Management has worked to build a robust Alert and Warning program and develop a comprehensive inventory of emergency supporting annexes (earthquake, care and shelter, alert and warning) to the County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). We continue to support and foster community preparedness efforts with all Operational Area partners and the community.

For today's presentation, Ben Nicholls, Division Chief of Sonoma County Operations for CAL FIRE's Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit, will provide an overview of the potential fire season and efforts underway by CAL FIRE. Mark Heine, Chief for Sonoma County Fire District, who serves as the Sonoma County Operational Area Coordinator for fire services, will provide an overview of preparedness efforts underway by the County's fire protection districts and departments.

The County's Director of Emergency Management, Jeffrey DuVall, will provide an overview of efforts underway for countywide preparedness, Disaster Service Worker training, pre-season coordination with other counties, a

review of our alert and warning platforms, and an overview of the Department of Emergency Management’s response role in a wildfire event.

Andrew Smith, Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights & Measures, and Sheriff Engram will provide an update on the County’s program that supports agriculture passes (ag pass), along with applications submitted, and overall participation.

**Strategic Plan:**

N/A

**Racial Equity:**

**Was this item identified as an opportunity to apply the Racial Equity Toolkit?**

No

**Prior Board Actions:**

June 6, 2023: The Board conducted a Wildfire Preparedness Workshop.

July 9, 2019: The Board conducted a Wildfire Hazard Overview Disaster Preparedness Workshop.

April 16, 2019: The Board conducted a second disaster workshop focusing on the earthquake hazard.

January 15, 2019: The Board conducted its first disaster workshop addressing the hazards posed by winter storms and flooding.

June 11, 2018: The Board adopted the October 2017 Complex Fires Emergency Operations Center After Action Report, which recommended the Board conduct quarterly disaster preparedness updates at its meetings.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>FY23-24 Adopted</b>	<b>FY24-25 Projected</b>	<b>FY25-26 Projected</b>
Budgeted Expenses			
Additional Appropriation Requested			
<b>Total Expenditures</b>			
<b>Funding Sources</b>			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal			
Fees/Other			
Use of Fund Balance			
General Fund Contingencies			
<b>Total Sources</b>			

**Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:**

There are no fiscal actions associated with this informational only item.

**Staffing Impacts:**

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

**Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):**

None.

**Attachments:**

Power Point Presentation.

**Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:**

None.