



Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors, County of Sonoma

Department or Agency Name(s): County Counsel / Emergency Management Department

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Vote Requirement: Majority

Supervisorial District(s): All

Title:

Termination of the Proclamation of Local Emergency Due to De-Energization

Recommended Action:

Adopt a resolution terminating the proclamation of a local emergency in the Sonoma County Operational Area due to PG&E De-Energization

Executive Summary:

On September 23, 2019, the Director of Emergency Services for the County of Sonoma issued a Proclamation of a Local Emergency related to the imminent and likely de-energization of electrical systems by Pacific Gas & Electric Company ("PG&E") for a substantial portion of the County of Sonoma due to weather conditions that increased the chance of wildfires. Additionally, a Red Flag Warning was issued by the National Weather Service, which means warm temperatures, very low humidities, and stronger winds were expected to combine to produce an increased risk of fire danger.

PG&E informed the County that a power shutoff was possible on September 23, 2019, and again on September 24, 2019. The Emergency Operations Center was activated in response to the proclaimed local emergency as the number of Sonoma County residents potentially affected by a power shutoff was estimated by PG&E at over 100,000 people.

On September 24, 2019, the Board of Supervisors ratified the Proclamation of a Local Emergency by the Director of Emergency Services, and found that the circumstances of the de-energization as described in the Director's Proclamation of Local Emergency did support and justify the proclamation of a local emergency.

Fortunately, the weather conditions that caused PG&E to consider shutting off the power to a large section of Sonoma County changed, namely the predicted winds shifted. As such, only a small portion of Sonoma County had the power shut off on September 25, 2019, affecting less than 1,000 Sonoma County residents. The power to these customers was restored the same day.

On September 25, 2019, the Emergency Operations Center was closed as the conditions described in the Director of Emergency Services' Proclamation no longer existed. Staff recommends terminating the Proclamation of Local Emergency as the conditions that gave rise to the local emergency no longer exist.

Discussion:

NA

Prior Board Actions:

09/24/2019: Ratification of Proclamation of Local Emergency

FISCAL SUMMARY

Expenditures	FY 19-20 Adopted	FY20-21 Projected	FY 21-22 Projected
Budgeted Expenses			
Additional Appropriation Requested			
Total Expenditures	0	0	0
Funding Sources			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal			
Fees/Other			
Use of Fund Balance			
Contingencies			
Total Sources	0	0	0

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:

No specific budget action is requested through this item.

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

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

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Attachments:

Resolution (A1)

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

None.