



**Health & Human Services  
Agency  
COUNTY OF TULARE  
AGENDA ITEM**

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**AGENDA DATE:** November 17, 2015

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CONTACT PERSON: Andrew Lockman    PHONE: 624-8000				

**SUBJECT:** Reaffirm Resolution No. 2014-0090, adopted February 4, 2014.

**REQUEST(S):**  
That the Board of Supervisors:  
Reaffirm the Proclamation of a Local Emergency due to Drought in Tulare County Resolution No. 2014-0090.

**SUMMARY:**  
On February 4, 2014, Tulare County proclaimed a Local Emergency due to Drought. A Governor's proclamation of a State of Emergency remains in effect for all of California as drought conditions continue to engulf the State. At the drought's 2014 peak, "Exceptional" drought (the highest category) covered 58.4% of the State, with the remainder in "Severe" or "Extreme" drought. The entirety of Tulare County entered into "Exceptional" drought on February 27, 2014, and has remained there since. As the 2014 Water Year became the fourth driest ever recorded, the cumulative 3-year rainfall deficit surpassed the average annual precipitation amount, a phenomenon now referred to as the "missing year" by meteorologists.

As of September 1, 2015, just under 1,700 private domestic wells had gone dry within the County, with approximately 78% of those wells still without reported temporary or permanent solutions. Tulare County continues to operate a number of relief efforts, including the Drought Resource Center, Mobile Showers, Non-Potable Tanks, Household Tank Program, Bottled Drinking Water Program, and various outreach activities, as well as work on long-term infrastructure projects and other solutions to communities throughout the County.

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Staff therefore recommends that the Proclamation of Local Emergency issued on February 4, 2014, be reaffirmed at this time and for the foreseeable future until the emergency conditions abate, as required by the Government Code. A reaffirmation will be brought to the Board at least every 30 days for this purpose.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

There is no cost associated with reaffirming a Proclamation of Local Emergency. The long-term fiscal impacts of the drought on the local economy, including demand on County services, economic losses, and subsequent reductions in tax revenue, cannot be accurately forecast at this time.

**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:**

The County's five-year strategic plan includes the Safety and Security initiative, with a directive to plan and provide coordinated emergency preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation capabilities for both natural and man-made disasters. This proclamation enacts the emergency organization and authorities of the County, and provides for a coordinated emergency response and recovery across the Tulare Operational Area.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**



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Cheryl L. Duerksen, Ph. D.  
Agency Director

Cc: Auditor-Controller  
County Counsel  
County Administrative Office (2)

Attachment(s) None

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF REAFFIRM RESOLUTION )  
NO. 2014-0090, ADOPTED FEBRUARY 4, ) Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_  
2014. ) Agreement No. \_\_\_\_\_

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, SECONDED BY  
SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

ATTEST: MICHAEL C. SPATA  
INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/  
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

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Resolution No. 2014-0090.