



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

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ALLEN ISHIDA
District One

PETE VANDER POEL
District Two

PHILLIP A. COX
District Three

J. STEVEN WORTHLEY
District Four

MIKE ENNIS
District Five

AGENDA DATE: December 15, 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.2015-0850, adopted October 6, 2015.

REQUEST(S):
That the Board of Supervisors:
Reaffirm the Proclamation of a Local Emergency due to tree mortality in Tulare County Resolution No. 2015-0850.

SUMMARY:
On October 6, 2015, Tulare County proclaimed a Local Emergency due to tree mortality, as a lack of precipitation has caused a significant number of trees to die or become stressed and unable to defend against insect and disease infestations. As of the last survey in April, 2015, the southern Sierra's total tree mortality was 10,450,000 on 835,000 acres, or 20% of the total 4.1 million acres surveyed. Tree mortality is expected to increase over the next year.

The severe conditions continue to pose increased threats to public health and safety, including fire, falling trees/debris, and air quality hazards. Recent fires, including the Rough Fire in Fresno & Tulare Counties, and the tragic conflagrations in Lake and Calaveras Counties, serve as reminders of the extreme fire potential presented by drought and inadequate forest management.

The immediate and long-term ramifications of the tree mortality are likely to have a continued impact on the health and safety of Tulare County residents and visitors, and negatively impact the economy of Tulare County. As such, staff recommends that the Board of Supervisors reaffirm the existence of the Local Emergency, as required by Government Code §8630(c).

SUBJECT: Reaffirm Resolution No.2015-0850, adopted October 6, 2015.

DATE: December 15, 2015

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There is no cost associated with proclaiming or reaffirming a Local Emergency. The long-term fiscal impacts of tree mortality on the local economy, including demand on County services and economic losses related to increased fire activity 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, and recovery and mitigation capabilities for both natural and man-made disasters. Proclaiming a local emergency facilitates the County's response to, recovery from, and mitigation against such disasters.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



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) Resolution No. _____
NO. 2015-0850, ADOPTED OCTOBER 6, 2015.) 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
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

* * * * *

Reaffirmed the Proclamation of a Local Emergency due to tree mortality in Tulare County
Resolution No. 2015-0850.