



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

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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. 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:
Tulare County, along with the rest of the State of California, continues to experience below-normal levels of precipitation, as it has since 2011. Recent storms have provided only a temporary pause in the progress of worsening drought conditions - several more storms of equal or greater significance would be required to remedy the drought.

At the time of the initial Proclamation of Local Emergency on February 4th, 8.5% of Tulare County was experiencing "Exceptional" (D4) drought conditions, with the remainder experiencing "Extreme" drought conditions as reported by the Federal Drought Monitor. The "Exceptional" conditions spread to 14.6% of the County as of February 20th, and as of February 27th, 100% of Tulare County now falls into this category. The 2014 year ended as the fourth driest year ever recorded, and although the outlook for 2015 remains encouraging, the relief will not be observed for months if not years.

To date, the United States Department of Agriculture and Small Business Administration have proclaimed emergencies, providing a variety of assistance programs for the agriculture industry and other businesses impacted by the drought.

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Additional assistance, largely through augmentation of existing programs, continues to emerge from State and Federal agencies for businesses and individuals, while legislative bodies at both levels continue to explore additional programs as the impacts of the drought become more clear.

The immediate and long-term impacts of the current drought are likely to have significant ramifications on the economy of Tulare County, and pose a danger to the health and welfare of our residents. These conditions warrant continuing the Proclamation of Local Emergency, enabling Tulare County to take all necessary measures to combat the impacts of the drought on our citizens.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There is no cost associated with proclaiming a 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:



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
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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Resolution No. 2014-0090.