



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

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AGENDA DATE: November 5, 2019

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: Terminate the Local Emergency due to Drought

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:
Proclaim the Termination of a Local Emergency due to Drought in Tulare County,
Resolution No. 2014-0090.

SUMMARY:

The Tulare County Board of Supervisors proclaimed a local emergency due to drought conditions on February 4, 2014. In the following 3½ years, Tulare County received over 1,600 reports of dry domestic wells, with several hundred additional unconfirmed reports, until conditions improved as a result of an above-average 2016-17 water year.

During the drought response, multiple emergency actions were undertaken by Tulare County and local non-profit partner organizations to support residents, utilizing over \$25 million in California Disaster Assistance Act, local, and private funds. Permanent solutions were also initiated during this period, including new domestic wells, the expansion or consolidation of existing public water systems, and the creation of new public water systems to mitigate the effects of drought and create long-term community resiliency. A combination of private, local, State, and Federal sources contributed well in excess of \$100 million towards permanent solutions, the last of which are now nearing completion.

While a small number of dry well reports have been received by our partner Self Help Enterprises since California Disaster Assistance Act funding was discontinued in mid-2017, well permitting activity has returned to pre-drought levels and the

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United States Drought Monitor no longer indicates climatological drought conditions for Tulare County. Staff attributes these reports to public awareness of the reporting mechanism and assistance programs created in response to the drought emergency.

Self Help Enterprises continues to operate a temporary water tank program, which since 2017 has transitioned from a Tulare County drought relief successor program to a non-drought State Water Resources Control Board grant program. Self Help Enterprises operates this program in accordance with standards prescribed by the Tulare County Resource Management Agency.

As the conditions of emergency have abated, and no relief or infrastructure programs are predicated on the continued existence of a Local Emergency, staff recommends that the Tulare County Board of Supervisors proclaim the termination of the Local Emergency due to Drought in accordance with California Government Code §8630(d).

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There are no current Tulare County or partner activities whose continued funding is predicated on the maintenance of a Local Emergency proclamation. There is no cost associated with termination of a Local Emergency.

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. The Local Emergency was maintained for over 5 years to assist with meeting this directive throughout the response and recovery phases of the drought.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



Timothy W. Lutz
Agency Director

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s) None

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

IN THE MATTER OF TERMINATE THE LOCAL) Resolution No. _____
EMERGENCY DUE TO DROUGHT) Agreement No. _____
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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: JASON T. BRITT
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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