



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

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AGENDA DATE: October 6, 2020 REVISED

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: Ratify and confirm emergency orders and evacuations related to the Sequoia Complex Fire

REQUEST(S):
That the Board of Supervisors:
Ratify and confirm all emergency evacuation orders, and any orders rescinding evacuation orders, issued by the Director of Emergency Services, or successor, during the period of September 29, 2020 to October 5, 2020, related to the Sequoia Complex Fire Local Emergency, proclaimed on August 28, 2020.

SUMMARY:
The Sequoia Lightning Complex Fire on the Sequoia National Forest (generally referred to as the "SQF Complex") started on August 22, 2020. This incident encompasses the lightning-caused Castle Fire and Shotgun Fire. As of the time of Agenda Item submission, the fire was burning in the Golden Trout Wilderness and on both the Sequoia and Inyo National Forests.

A Local Emergency was proclaimed by the Director of Emergency Services on August 28, 2020, which was ratified by the Board of Supervisors on September 1, 2020, pursuant to California Government Code §8630(b) requirements. Since that time, numerous Evacuation Orders have been issued pursuant to Tulare County Ordinance Code Part 1, Chapter 15, Section 1030(f)(1), which must be confirmed at earliest practicable time by the Board of Supervisors. Orders issued prior to the last Board of Supervisors meeting on September 29, 2020, were ratified at that meeting.

Staff anticipates the issuance of additional Evacuation Orders and/or orders rescinding Evacuation Orders between adjournment of the September 29, 2020

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Board of Supervisors meeting and today's meeting and requests ratification of any such orders. All orders related to the Sequoia Complex Fire are posted on the Tulare County website and social media pages immediately upon issuance and given widespread publicity.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There is no cost to issue emergency orders. Response costs for the incident will be apportioned to relevant sources, including a Fire Management Assistance Grant, and reimbursement sought after the completion of the incident.

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 issuance of evacuation orders supports a coordinated response to ensuring life safety during disasters.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

/s/Robert Stewart OBO

Timothy W. Lutz
Agency Director

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s) Orders

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

IN THE MATTER OF RATIFY AND CONFIRM) Resolution No. _____
EMERGENCY ORDERS AND EVACUATIONS) Agreement No. _____
RELATED TO THE SEQUOIA COMPLEX FIRE)

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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Ratified and confirmed all emergency evacuation orders, and any orders rescinding evacuation orders, issued by the Director of Emergency Services, or successor, during the period of September 29, 2020 to October 5, 2020, related to the Sequoia Complex Fire Local Emergency, proclaimed on August 28, 2020.

A PROCLAMATION BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES OF THE COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AMENDING MANDATORY EVACUATION ORDERS PURSUANT TO THE PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY ON AUGUST 28, 2020 AND CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE §8550 *et seq.*

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted by Section 1-15-1030 of the Tulare County Ordinance Code, the Tulare County Director of Emergency Services proclaimed the existence of a local emergency due to the Sequoia Complex Fire on August 28, 2020, and ordered the evacuation of the communities of Ponderosa, Cedar Slope, Piles Boys Camp, and points between; and

WHEREAS, in the August 28, 2020 proclamation, the Tulare County Director of Emergency Services also ordered the mandatory evacuation of Ponderosa and Cedar Slope; and

WHEREAS, the Tulare County Board of Supervisors ratified the local emergency proclamation and evacuation orders at its Regular Meeting on September 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, when a local emergency has been proclaimed, the Director of Emergency Services is empowered to make and issue rules and regulations on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property as affected by such emergency, provided that such rules and regulations are confirmed by the Board of Supervisors at the earliest practicable time; and

WHEREAS, the Sequoia Complex Fire continues to spread, presenting conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the County of Tulare; and

WHEREAS, Government Code 8634 requires that all orders necessary to protect life and property, and all amendments and rescissions to such orders, must be in writing.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the mandatory evacuation order issued on August 28, 2020, as amended, is hereby further amended to remove the areas of:

- (1) all points along the Mineral King Road east of the end of West Mynatt Rd in Three Rivers; NW to River Hill - Paradise Ridge - Castle Rocks; SE to Sawtooth Peak - Little Claire Lake; SW to Upper Bullfrog Lake; W to Vandever Mt. – Homes Nose; NW to Cinnamon Gap back to the point east of the end of West Mynatt Rd in Three Rivers. To specifically include the communities and developments in the areas of Silver City and Mineral King; and
- (2) the remaining portions of South Fork Drive in Three Rivers, from Conley Bridge (just south of Heidi Drive) south to Devils Canyon , East from South Fork Drive to Cinnamon Gap, Cahoon Mountain and Blossom Peak Road. South of Mountain Springs Road to Devils Canyon; and
- (3) Blue Ridge Road North from Balch Park, west of US Forest Service boundary to the end of Blue Ridge Road south of Grouse Valley to include Blue Ridge Road;

but in all other respects, the order remains the same; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order is issued pursuant to the Emergency Services Act, commencing with Government Code §8550.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

It is so ordered and proclaimed this 29th day of September, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.



JASON T. BRITT, CAO
Director of Emergency Services
County of Tulare

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