



San Bernardino County

Legislation Text

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**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

October 27, 2020

FROM

LEONARD X. HERNANDEZ, Chief Executive Officer, County Administrative Office

SUBJECT

Continuation of Local Emergency - El Dorado Fire

RECOMMENDATION(S)

Continue the Emergency Proclamation, originally proclaimed by the Chief Executive Officer, while serving as the Director of Emergency Services, on September 11, 2020 and ratified by the Board of Supervisors on September 15, 2020, resulting from the El Dorado fire impacting San Bernardino County, as the local emergency continues to exist, for an additional period in accordance with Government Code section 8630(c). (Presenter: Daniel Munoz, Emergency Services Manager, 356-3998)

COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES

**Operate in a Fiscally-Responsible and Business-Like Manner.
Ensure Development of a Well-Planned, Balanced, and Sustainable County.
Provide for the Safety, Health and Social Service Needs of County Residents.
Pursue County Goals and Objectives by Working with Other Agencies.**

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The action to continue this local emergency will not require the use of additional Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On September 6, 2020, the Governor of California declared a state of emergency due to the extreme heat and various fires burning throughout the state, including the El Dorado Fire in San Bernardino County. Because of the extensive damage resulting from this fire, on September 11, 2020, the Chief Executive Officer, while serving as the Director of Emergency Services, proclaimed the existence of a local emergency. This action, which was ratified by the Board of Supervisors (Board) on September 15, 2020 (Item No. 33), was in response to a vegetation fire that started on September 5, 2020 at El Dorado Ranch Park in Yucaipa. The wind driven fire swept across portions of Yucaipa, Oak Glen, Forest Falls, Mountain Home Village, Angelus Oaks, Heart Bar, Barton Flats, and surrounding areas in San Bernardino County. The fire caused power outages, interrupted cellular service, produced hazardous air quality conditions, prompted road closures, and continues to pose a threat to the surrounding community.

Pursuant to Government Code section 8630(c), the Board shall review the need for continuing the local emergency at least once every 60 days until the Board terminates the local emergency. Board approval of this

recommendation would continue the local emergency for an additional period on accordance with Government Code section 8630(c). The Board last took action to continue this emergency on September 15, 2020 (Item No. 33).

PROCUREMENT

N/A

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Miles Kowalski, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5475) on October 8, 2020; Finance (Tom Forster, Administrative Analyst, 387-4635) on October 9, 2020; and County Finance and Administration (Matthew Erickson, County Chief Financial Officer, 387-5423) on October 12, 2020