



County of Monterey

Item No.

Board Report

Board of Supervisors
Chambers
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Adopt a resolution to ratify the Proclamation of Local Emergency issued by the County Administrative Officer on August 10, 2026, related to the Timber Fire in Big Sur area that started on August 8, 2026, causing a large fire, resulting evacuation causing conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property nearby (4/5ths vote required).

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

Pursuant to California Government Code section 8630(a) and Monterey County Code section 2.68.025, the County Administrative Officer or designee may proclaim the existence of a local emergency when the County is affected by or likely to be affected by a public calamity. The Government Code requires that an emergency proclamation be ratified by the Board of Supervisors within 7 days of its issuance, and be reviewed at least once every 60 days until the emergency is terminated.

On or about August 8, 2026, a fire began at the Los Padre National Forest, Southeast of Loma Vista, North of California State Route 1 ("Highway 1") between mile markers 38 and 43, in the Big Sur area, including evacuation zones MRY-F026, MRY-F027, and MRY-F028, commonly referred to as the "Timber Fire". The County of Monterey has issued Evacuation Orders and Evacuation Warnings in the area. As of 12:15 p.m. on August 10, 2026, the Timber Fire grew to 1330 acres with an unknown containment.

The aforesaid conditions of extreme peril necessitated the proclamation of a local emergency, which was signed into effect by the County Administrative Officer on August 10, 2026. Ratification and approval of this Proclamation of Local Emergency will provide Board confirmation of, and agreement with, the Proclamation made by the County Administrative Officer. This emergency proclamation shall expire 60 days after issuance unless confirmed and extended by the governing body of the County of Monterey.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Numerous County departments and other state and federal agencies have participated in the response

to the emergency including the Department of Emergency Management, Sheriff's Office, County Administrative Office, Public Works, Facilities, and Parks, and Housing and Community Development.

FINANCING:

Financial impact to the General Fund currently is unknown. The August 10 Proclamation activated the use of \$500,000 budgeted for local emergencies in the Board's latest annual budget.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS:

- ☒ Well-Being and Quality of Life
- ☒ Sustainable Infrastructure for the Present and Future
- ☒ Safe and Resilient Communities
- ☐ Diverse and Thriving Economy
- ☐ Dynamic Organization and Employer of Choice

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Attachments: 1 - Emergency Proclamation, dated August 10, 2026
 2 - Draft Resolution