



Board Agenda Item 33

DATE: March 1, 2016

TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBMITTED BY: Jean M. Rousseau, County Administrative Officer / Emergency Services Director

SUBJECT: Continuation of Tree Mortality Local Emergency Status in Fresno County

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Adopt Resolution proclaiming continuation of the local emergency status relating to the extremely high levels of tree mortality and hazardous conditions created by the drought and request that the Governor immediately declare a state of emergency for Fresno County.

Approval of the recommended action will ensure the local emergency status remains in effect and permit the potential recovery of eligible costs.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

No viable options are available.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No net County costs are associated with the preparation of this agenda item.

DISCUSSION:

On February 4, 2014, the previous Board approved a resolution prepared by County staff requesting a state of emergency declaration on Fresno County due to the degraded forest conditions and imminent threat from catastrophic fires and extreme drought.

Since that time, forest degradation conditions have not improved and as the tree mortality disaster has continued and escalated in eastern Fresno County, recent devastating fires have resulted in an adverse effect on our environment, economy, and public well-being.

REFERENCE MATERIAL:

BAI #8, February 4, 2014
BAI #21, September 22, 2015
BAI #21.1, October 13, 2015
BAI #23, November 3, 2015
BAI #43, November 17, 2015
BAI #31, December 15, 2015
BAI #28, January 12, 2016
BAI #25, February 9, 2016

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED AND/OR ON FILE:

On file with Clerk - Resolution
On file with Clerk - Map of Affected Area
On file with Clerk - Proclamation of State Emergency

CAO ANALYST:

Sonia De La Rosa