RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2015-124

MEETING: March 24, 2015

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Mary Hodson, CAO

RE: Proclaim the Termination of the Bridge Fire Local Emergency

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Adopt a Resolution Proclaiming the Termination of the Bridge Fire Local Emergency.

The incident known as the Bridge Fire began on September 5, 2014, and on this same day, Vice-Chairman Jones, acting in his capacity as the Director of Emergency Services in the absence of Chairman Cann, pursuant to Mariposa County Code Section 2.80.040, issued the attached Declaration proclaiming a local emergency as a result of the Bridge Fire. On September 9, 2014, the Board of Supervisors ratified the Declaration of a local emergency due to the conditions brought about by the Bridge Fire. Such a declaration allows for access to mutual aid and to potential access to Federal and State assistance. The County has now received all of the approved/eligible funding with the exception of one outstanding reimbursable invoice that is currently being processed by the State.

Since the threatening conditions brought about by the Bridge Fire no longer exist and all avenues for aid have been pursued and concluded it is appropriate for your Board to make this proclamation.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
On January 7, 2015, the Board adopted Resolution 15-21 proclaiming the termination of the El Portal Fire local emergency.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
The Bridge Fire local emergency will not be formally terminated.

ATTACHMENTS:
Bridge Fire Emergency Termination 2015 (DOC)
Exhibit A - Bridge Fire Declaration (PDF)

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended
RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Kevin Cann, District IV Supervisor
SECONDER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor
AYES: Rosemarie Smallcombe, Merlin Jones, Marshall Long, Kevin Cann
EXCUSED: John Carrier
Resolution 15-124

PROCLAMATION TERMINATING THE LOCAL EMERGENCY KNOWN AS THE BRIDGE FIRE

WHEREAS, on September 4, 2014, as a result of conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property, the Board of Supervisors Proclaimed the Existence of the Local Emergency known as the Rim Fire, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit "A" and incorporated by this reference; and

WHEREAS, the Interim Mariposa County Fire Chief has now made the determination that the emergency conditions, and their effects, have now abated sufficiently to cause the situation resulting from said conditions of extreme peril to now be deemed to be within the control of the normal protective services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of and within said County of Mariposa.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors, State of California, does hereby proclaim the termination of said local emergency, and declares that any orders made by the Board of Supervisors or the Interim Mariposa County Fire Chief in connection with the local emergency are immediately rescinded; and that this Proclamation takes effect upon approval.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa, a political subdivision of the State of California, this 24th day of March, 2015 by the following vote:

AYES: SMALLCOMBE, JONES, LONG, CANN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
EXCUSED: CARRIER

MERLIN JONES, Chairman
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

RENE LaROCHE
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

STEVEN W. DAHLEM
County Counsel