RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2017-494

MEETING: July 25, 2017

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Dallin Kimble, County Administrative Officer

RE: Ratify Detwiler Fire Proclamation

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Adopt a Resolution Ratifying the Proclamation of the Existence of a Local Emergency Due to the Detwiler Fire and Requesting State and Federal Resources be Made Available for the County of Mariposa.

On July 16, 2017, the Detwiler Fire began in the Hunter's Point area of Mariposa County and grew into a major wildfire. Over the course of the next few days the fire continued to grow closing highways, damaging infrastructure, destroying structures, and threatening whole communities.

On July 18, 2017, Mariposa County received notification of the approval of a Federal Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) to aid with the Detwiler Fire. Additionally, Edmund G. Brown, Jr., Governor of the State of California, also proclaimed, on July 18, 2017, a state of emergency in Mariposa County due to the Detwiler Fire.

On July 18, 2017, Rosemarie Smallcombe, the Vice-Chair of the Board of Supervisors, acting in her capacity as the Acting Director of Emergency Services pursuant to Mariposa County Code Section 2.80.040, issued the attached Proclamation declaring a local emergency as a result of the Detwiler Fire. Pursuant to Government Code Section 8630, whenever a local emergency is proclaimed by an official designated by ordinance, the local emergency shall not remain in effect for a period in excess of seven days unless it has been ratified by the governing Board.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board has ratified similar proclamations in the past during other emergencies.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If the Board does not ratify the Vice-Chair's Proclamation, the County will not be eligible for possible State or Federal disaster assistance.
FINANCIAL IMPACT:
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ATTACHMENTS:
Detwiler Fire Emergency Proclamation - July 18, 2017 (PDF)
Detwiler Emergency Proclamation Ratification Resolution (DOC)

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

Dallin Kimble
Dallin Kimble, County Administrative Officer 7/21/2017

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
SECONDER: Kevin Cann, District IV Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey
PROCLAMATION BY THE EMERGENCY SERVICES OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF MARIPOSA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY AND REQUESTING STATE AND/OR FEDERAL RESOURCES TO ASSIST WITH RECOVERY EFFORTS

WHEREAS, Section 8630 of the Government Code and Chapter 2.80 of the Mariposa County Code empower the Emergency Services Officer to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when said County is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the County Board of Supervisors is not in session, and;

WHEREAS, the Detwiler fire ignited on Sunday, July 16, 2017, has burned more than 15,500 acres within Mariposa County, and continues to burn; and

WHEREAS, more than 1,000 individuals have already been evacuated and many more are on alert for potential evacuations yet to come; and

WHEREAS, these conditions are beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of said County, and;

WHEREAS, the County of Mariposa has already deployed available resources in response to the fire and associated evacuations, security, and so forth; and

WHEREAS, a Fire Management Assistance Grant has already been issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency; and

WHEREAS, the County is seeking financial assistance from the California Office of Emergency Services Director or the Office of the Governor of the State of California under the California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) program or the President’s declaration under the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Public Assistance (PA) program;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a local emergency now exists throughout said County, and;

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of this County shall be those prescribed by state law, and by ordinances and resolutions of this County; and that this emergency proclamation shall expire 7 days after issuance unless confirmed and ratified by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa.

Dated: __July 18, 2017__

By: Rosemarie Smallcombe
Acting Director of Emergency Services
5100 Bullion Street, P.O. Box 784
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ATTEST:

RENE LaROCHE,
Deputy Clerk of the Board