RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2017-801

MEETING: December 5, 2017

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Dallin Kimble, County Administrative Officer

RE: Adopt a Resolution Terminating the Detwiler Fire Local Emergency

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Adopt a Resolution Terminating the Detwiler Fire Local Emergency

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 proclaimed a local emergency and received notification of the approval of a Federal Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) to aid with the Detwiler Fire. 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.

Recovery efforts are ongoing and will continue in the months and years ahead. In recent weeks, the California Office of Emergency Services has confirmed that promised state funding is not contingent upon the existence of an active local emergency proclamation. Finding that the threatening conditions of an active fire no longer exist and that there is no other need requiring the continuance of an active local emergency proclamation related to this incident, staff recommends the Board proclaim the end of this local emergency.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Board has terminated other local emergencies as the threat to persons and property has abated.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Do not approve this resolution. This local emergency will not be formally terminated.

ATTACHMENTS:
Detwiler Fire Termination (DOC)
Detwiler Fire Proclamation (PDF)
RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
SECONDER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey
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RESOLUTION TERMINATING THE LOCAL EMERGENCY KNOWN AS THE DETWILER FIRE

WHEREAS, on July 18, 2017, as a result of conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property, the acting director of emergency services proclaimed the existence of a local emergency known as the Detwiler Fire; and

WHEREAS, on July 25, 2017, the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors ratified that proclamation, a copy of which is attached; and

WHEREAS, the Interim Mariposa County Fire Chief has 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 be deemed to be within the control of the normal protective services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of and within said County of Mariposa; and

WHEREAS, ongoing recovery efforts include the continued commitment of California Disaster Assistance Act, Federal Fire Management Assistance Grants and any other applicable state or federal resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors, State of California, does hereby terminate the said local emergency and any associated powers and authorities granted to staff and the Board of Supervisors. This Resolution 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 5th day of December, 2017 by the following vote:

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

[Signature]
MARSHALL LONG, Chairman
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

[Signature]
RENE LAROCHE
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

[Signature]
STEVEN W. DAHLEM
County Counsel