RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2017-802

MEETING: December 5, 2017

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Dallin Kimble, County Administrative Officer

RE: Adopt a Resolution Terminating the Local Health Emergency

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Adopt a Resolution Terminating the Detwiler Fire Local Health 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 including the town of Mariposa. It is also depositing massive amounts of particulates in the atmosphere, and is leaving a wide swath of destroyed materials in its wake.

Under certain conditions, the County Health Officer is empowered to declare a local health emergency under California Health and Safety Code Section 101080 (that code is attached to this item) and did so on July 21, 2017.

Recovery efforts for the impacted areas are ongoing and will continue as needed 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 health emergency proclamation related to this incident, staff recommends the Board end this local health 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.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

ATTACHMENTS:
Local Health Emergency Declaration (PDF)
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Resolution Ratifying Local Health Emergency Declaration  (DOC)
Health and Safety Code Section 101080  (PDF)
Terminate the Local Health Emergency  (DOC)

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 HEALTH EMERGENCY

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 21, 2017, the Mariposa County Public Health Officer, acting under the authority granted under California Health and Safety Code Section 101080, proclaimed the existence of a local health emergency in connection with the Detwiler Fire; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors ratified that local health emergency declaration on July 25, 2017, a copy of which is attached; and

WHEREAS, the Mariposa County Public Health Officer has now made the determination that the emergency conditions, and their effects, have now abated sufficiently to cause the situation resulting from said hazardous conditions 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 terminate the local health emergency, and declares that any orders made by the Board of Supervisors or the Mariposa County Public Health Officer in connection with the local health 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 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 LA ROCHE
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

[Signature]
STEVEN W. DAHLEM
County Counsel