

**Sierra County
Board of Supervisors'
Agenda Transmittal &
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MEETING DATE: February 5, 2019	TYPE OF AGENDA ITEM: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Timed <input type="checkbox"/> Consent
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DEPARTMENT: Board of Supervisors
APPROVING PARTY: Paul Roen, Chair
PHONE NUMBER: 530-289-3295

AGENDA ITEM: Continued discussion/direction with regard to Sierra County's Proclamation of Emergency, Resolution 2014-066 and Resolution 2016-122, with regard to catastrophic wildfire potential.

SUPPORTIVE DOCUMENTS ATTACHED: Memo Resolution Agreement Other
Resolutions 2014-066 and 2016-112

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

FUNDING SOURCE:
GENERAL FUND IMPACT: No General Fund Impact
OTHER FUND:
AMOUNT: \$ N/A

ARE ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL REQUIRED?

Yes, -- --
No

IS THIS ITEM ALLOCATED IN THE BUDGET? Yes No

IS A BUDGET TRANSFER REQUIRED? Yes No

SPACE BELOW FOR CLERK'S USE

<p>BOARD ACTION:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Approved as amended <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted as amended <input type="checkbox"/> Denied <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> No Action Taken	<input type="checkbox"/> Set public hearing For: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Direction to: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Referred to: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Continued to: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Authorization given to: _____	Resolution 2019- _____ Agreement 2019- _____ Ordinance _____ Vote: Ayes: Noes: Abstain: Absent: <input type="checkbox"/> By Consensus
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COMMENTS:

CLERK TO THE BOARD

DATE

Fwd: Sierra County Supervisors 1/8/2019: Forum for Healthy Forests Communities

Paul Roen <supervisor3@sierracounty.ca.gov>

Sun 12/30/2018 10:44 PM

To: Heather Foster <hfoster@sierracounty.ca.gov>;

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: Jason Christian <jasonchr@gmail.com>

Date: 12/21/18 8:50 AM (GMT-08:00)

To: Paul Roen <supervisor3@sierracounty.ca.gov>

Cc: Jim Wilcox <jim@plumascorporation.org>, John Kolb <carrylandjonkolb@gmail.com>

Subject: Sierra County Supervisors 1/8/2019: Forum for Healthy Forests Communities

Hello Paul,,

Is it possible to get the Forum onto the Agenda for discussion at the first Supervisors' meeting of the year, January 8 in Downieville, to allow action at the following meeting in Loyalton January 22?

My proposal to the meeting earlier this month of the Board of Governors of the Sierra Nevada Conservancy cited the 2014 Resolutions of the Sierra County Supervisors, Proclaiming local emergency and seeking several Actions by the Governor. In 2016 the Supervisors stated that the Emergency continued until lifted. So does the need for Action.

The Supervisors' request for a Forum remains unanswered and outstanding.

The Governor's sponsorship of the Forum is valuable. The Supervisors may best get it by working within existing structures to launch, under your own authority, a Supervisors' Forum.

I attach several pages from the SNC Board Package. These demonstrate the existence of Proposition 68 funds sufficient to effectively launch a strong Forum,, addressing initially the problems resources, and prospects for the forests communities of the upper watersheds of the Middle Fork of the Feather River and of the Little Truckee River, in Eastern Sierra and Plumas Counties.

The situation supports discussion of at least 15 minutes at the January 8 meeting in Downieville. I will come to that meeting with suggestions for Board Actions January 22 in Loyalton.

As I told you at the SNC Board Meeting, the Board of Directors of the Plumas Corporation will be honored by your presence at its next meeting Wednesday July 9. Chairman Kolb suggests that sometime before 9:30 am will be best. Perhaps a member of the Sierra County staff, such as Planning Director Tim Beals or a member of his team, can join you.

Please accept my very best wishes to you and your family this holiday season, in expectation of a great 2019.

We are fortunate indeed who live in this place and time.

Best Regards,

Jason

Jason E. Christian, Ph.D.
Member, Board of Directors
Plumas Corporation

 [SNC 2018-12.pdf](#)

 [SNC Proposal 2018-12.pdf](#)

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SIERRA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY
COUNTY OF SIERRA
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

RESOLUTION 2014- 066

WHEREAS, County Ordinance 403 and Sierra County Code, Section 8.16.010 and following empowers the County Director of Emergency Services to request that the Board of Supervisors proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the County is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity; and,

WHEREAS, the County Director of Emergency Services and the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sierra do hereby find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons, property and public infrastructure have arisen affecting the communities of the County, the national forest system lands within the County, and the private timber and agricultural lands within the County caused by the uncontrolled build-up of natural fire fuels, posing a severe and ongoing threat of catastrophic wildfire in the County and in California; and,

WHEREAS, the management of lands, particularly regarding fire protection and fuel reduction, on national forest system lands under the jurisdiction of the United States Department of Agriculture-Forest Service is wholly inadequate, has long-been ignored, and is significantly under funded, placing Sierra County in significant peril and at great risk in the event that catastrophic wildfires occur in thereby destroying public resources, private property, businesses, and the natural environment; and,

WHEREAS, the irretrievable loss of productive forest lands for generations evidenced by the loss of goods and services originating from the public lands impacted by catastrophic wildfire; the insurance losses from catastrophic wildfires; the loss of valuable natural resources; the damage and/or loss of public and private property; the long-term devastation to local economies; the long-term negative impacts on the livelihood of local residents; and, the significant expenditure of public funding resulting from fire suppression efforts as well as infrastructure and resource restoration has risen to a critical point that demands an effective response and cooperative strategy among all levels of government to identify, plan, fund, and implement an effective public land fire protection strategy plan which includes planning, assessments, fuels reduction, and enhanced fire suppression and emergency response; and,

WHEREAS, these potential conditions are beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of Sierra County and the Federal and State agencies having fire suppression jurisdiction within the County and immediate region and the physical and fiscal impacts to the County of Sierra will be severe including but not limited to public utilities, public services, protection of property, emergency medical response, public schools, transportation, and the direct and indirect threats to business, lives, and property; and,

WHEREAS, the threat of wild land fire continues to be the highest priority assigned under the "Sierra County Hazard Mitigation Plan" developed in conformance with the

FEMA program entitled “Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA)” program and this proclamation is made at a time when fuel conditions are extreme and all evidence clearly suggests that Sierra County is in peril and the County, including the “Sierra Nevada region” has never been more at risk with no relief in progress; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor of California declared a drought emergency for the entire State on January 17, 2014, and this declaration was based on the actual occurrence of the driest year on record in California, and while water-related actions have been initiated, no measurable strategy for long term and sustainable wild land fire-severity reduction appears eminent within Sierra County and within the boundaries of the Sierra Nevada as defined by the official boundaries of the Sierra Nevada Conservancy, a California State Agency, (which includes Sierra County and twenty one (21) other California counties) and hereinafter referred to as “Sierra Nevada region” and there exists no complementary action by Federal agencies to assess and react to the severity and perilous conditions facing the “Sierra Nevada region” related to catastrophic wildfire so therefore this proclamation implements a condition above and well beyond the scope of the January 2014 State drought-declaration of emergency; and,

WHEREAS, during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the Sierra County Office of Emergency Services shall be those prescribed by State law-Government Code 8630, Sierra County ordinances, and Sierra County resolutions and the County Director of Emergency Services shall proceed with formal notification to the State Office of Emergency Services, State legislative representatives, and the Governor of California with a request that he proclaim the County of Sierra to be in a state of emergency.

THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SIERRA HEREBY PROCLAIMS AND DECLARES a local state of emergency based upon the foregoing findings as there exists, extreme conditions of peril to the safety of persons, private property, national forest system lands, valuable watersheds, and public infrastructure within the County of Sierra.

BE IT FURTHER DECLARED that the individual counties comprising the “Sierra Nevada region” as defined herein being situated within the boundary of the Sierra Nevada Conservancy are urged to evaluate the risk and peril experienced within each individual county and determine if such a proclamation of local emergency is warranted and appropriate.

BE IT FURTHER DECLARED that the Governor of California is requested to confirm a state of emergency and seek a Presidential concurrence regarding the existing conditions in Sierra County and the “Sierra Nevada region”, providing the highest possible priority and recognition of the extreme peril being encountered by providing a comprehensive and coordinated strategy directed by the Federal government, in cooperation with State and local government, which emulates the former and successful “Lake Tahoe Presidential Forum” for the deteriorating natural conditions impacting the Lake Tahoe region and conducted in 1997, providing a plan, tasking agencies with specific direction, providing long-term funding, establishing a streamlined process for project delivery directed towards a long-term and sustainable reduction of fire hazard and fuel loading to protect public and private resources as well as the lives and property of Sierra County citizens and the public.

Adopted on the 22nd day of July, 2014 by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors..Huebner, Beard, Schlefstein, Roen

NOES: None

ABSENT: Supervisor..Adams


ABSTAIN: None

COUNTY OF SIERRA

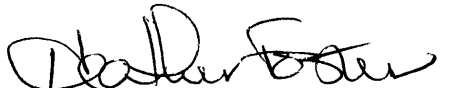


Paul Roen
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


James A. Curtis
County Counsel

ATTEST:


Heather Foster
Clerk of the Board

**PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY
COUNTY OF SIERRA
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WHEREAS, on July 22, 2016, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sierra issued a proclamation of local emergency as follows which is identified as Sierra County Resolution 2014-066, and which is hereby updated and ratified; and,

WHEREAS, County Ordinance 403 and Sierra County Code, Section 8.16.010 and following empowers the Director of Emergency Services to request that the Board of Supervisors proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the County is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity; and,

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services and the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sierra do hereby find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons, property and public infrastructure have arisen affecting the communities of the County, the national forest system lands within the County and region, and the private timber and agricultural lands within the County caused by the uncontrolled build-up of natural fire fuels, posing a severe and ongoing threat of catastrophic wildfire in the region and in California; and,

WHEREAS, the management of lands, particularly regarding fire protection and fuel reduction, on National Forest system lands under the jurisdiction of the United States Department of Agriculture-Forest Service is wholly inadequate, has long-been ignored, and is significantly under funded, placing Sierra County and the region in significant peril and at great risk in the event that catastrophic wildfires occur in the region thereby destroying public resources, private property, businesses, and the natural environment; and,

WHEREAS, the irretrievable loss of productive forest lands for generations evidenced by the loss of goods and services originating from the public lands impacted by catastrophic wildfire; the insurance losses from catastrophic wildfires; the loss of valuable natural resources; the damage and/or loss of public and private property; the long-term devastation to local economies; the long-term negative impacts on the livelihood of local residents; and, the significant expenditure of public funding resulting from fire suppression efforts as well as infrastructure and resource restoration has risen to a critical point that demands an effective response and cooperative strategy among all levels of government to identify, plan, fund, and implement an effective public land fire protection strategy plan which includes planning, assessments, fuels reduction, and enhanced fire suppression and emergency response; and,

WHEREAS, these potential conditions are beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of Sierra County and the Federal and State agencies having fire suppression jurisdiction within the County and region and the physical and fiscal impacts to the County of Sierra will be severe including but not limited to public utilities, public services, protection of property, emergency medical response, public schools, transportation, and the direct and indirect threats to business, lives, and property; and,

WHEREAS, this declaration and proclamation is made at a time when fuel conditions are extreme and all evidence clearly suggests that the Sierra Nevada region is in peril and the region has never been more at risk with no relief in progress; and,

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2015, Governor Brown issued an Executive Order related to unprecedented tree mortality due to drought conditions, directed state agencies to begin collaborating and partnering with local government to take action to remove dead and dying trees threatening public safety and infrastructure and approved California Disaster Assistance Act funding to assist in these efforts; and,

WHEREAS, tree mortality from bark beetle infestation has accelerated in 2016 in Sierra County which has augmented exponentially the previously identified peril and extreme risk with which Sierra County and the entire Sierra Nevada Region must contend; and

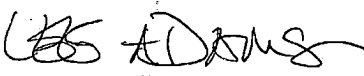
WHEREAS, during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of Sierra County shall be those prescribed by State law-Government Code 8630, County ordinances, and County resolutions and the County OES Director will proceed with formal notification to the State Office of Emergency Services, the legislative representatives, and the Governor of California with a request that he proclaim the County of Sierra to be in a state of emergency.

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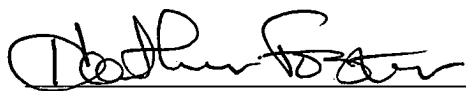
BE IT FURTHER DECLARED that said local State of Emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sierra.

Dated: December 6, 2016

By: 

Lee Adams
Sierra County Board of Supervisors

Attest: Adopted at a regular meeting of the Sierra County Board of Supervisors on December 6, 2016 in Downieville, California:



Heather Foster
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors