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SANTA BARBARA COUNTY PROCLAIMS LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO HOLIDAY FIRE

(SANTA BARBARA, Calif.) – At 1 a.m. on July 7, 2018, Santa Barbara County proclaimed a local emergency due to the Holiday Fire that is currently burning north of the city of Goleta in the unincorporated area of the county, north of Cathedral Oaks west of Fairview Avenue, east to Patterson Avenue. Numerous structures are actively burning, and mandatory evacuations were issued for an area with about 3,200 residents.

The Holiday Fire is causing conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the County of Santa Barbara. These conditions are beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of the combined forces of Santa Barbara County Operational Area to combat. The proclamation was made by the Director of County Emergency Services; the Board of Supervisors is expected to ratify the proclamation at its next meeting on Tuesday, July 10, 2018.

Proclaiming a local state of emergency is an essential step for local governments dealing with significant incidents. It ensures that all county resources are available for the fire control efforts and supporting activities. Having the proclamation in place also helps facilitate potential State funding and a State Declaration of Emergency, should further evacuations and damage require that declaration.

“Protecting our residents, firefighters, and other first responders is the County's top priority, as well as preventing damage to structures, infrastructure, and our agricultural resources,” said Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer.

For information and incident updates, go to www.ReadySBC.org. The public may also call call 211 or text their zip code to 898-211, or if located outside the 805 area code, call toll free (800) 400-1572.

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Please find attached the County's official Proclamation of Local Emergency.



PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY BY DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

WHEREAS, Chapter 12, Sec. 12-5(a) of the Santa Barbara County Code, empowers the County of Santa Barbara, Director of Emergency Services, to proclaim a local emergency if the Board of Supervisors is not in session; and

WHEREAS, Section 8558 (c) of the Government Code defines a "Local Emergency" as: "the duly proclaimed existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the territorial limits of a county, city and county, or city, caused by such conditions as air pollution, fire, flood, storm, epidemic, riot, drought, sudden and severe energy shortage, plant or animal infestation or disease, the Governor's warning of an earthquake or volcanic prediction, or an earthquake, or other conditions, other than conditions resulting from a labor controversy, which conditions are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of that political subdivision and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat; and

WHEREAS, on July 6, 2018, at 2040 hours, a wildfire that has been named the Holiday Fire began burning north of the City of Goleta in the unincorporated area of the County, north of Cathedral Oaks Road, between Fairview Avenue and Patterson Avenue. Numerous structures are actively burning; and

WHEREAS, at 2114 hours, evacuation orders were issued for approximately 2500 residents. Evacuation centers have been opened for citizens and for animals; and

WHEREAS, the Holiday Fire is causing conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the County of Santa Barbara. These conditions are beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of the combined forces of Santa Barbara County Operational Area to combat; and

WHEREAS, severe fire weather is forecasted for the next few days. The Holiday Fire is threatening major population centers; and

WHEREAS, these conditions warrant and necessitate that the County proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency in order to utilize all resources necessary to respond to the damage caused by the local emergency and receive any needed funding through the California Disaster Assistance Act and any other funding both State and Federal funds that may be available; and

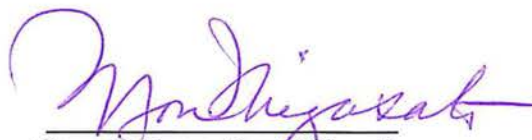
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BY DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a local emergency now exists in the County of Santa Barbara for the entire Santa Barbara County Operational Area and that;

1. All the recitals set forth above are true, correct, and valid; and
2. The conditions of extreme peril are not the results of labor controversy; and
3. This proclamation of local emergency, invokes in the County of Santa Barbara all powers and mechanisms set forth in the California Emergency Services Act (Government Code sections 8550 et seq.), Santa Barbara County Code, Chapter 12 and all other applicable laws, to be used by authorized personnel of the County of Santa Barbara; and
4. Pursuant to Santa Barbara County Code, Chapter 12, Sec. 12-5(b), the Director of Emergency Services is empowered to require emergency services of any county officer or employee and to requisition necessary personnel or material of any county department or agency; and
5. Copies of this Proclamation shall be provided to news media; and
6. This Proclamation of Local Emergency shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect for a period of seven (7) days, unless ratified by the Board of Supervisors, and extended, or unless sooner terminated.

Dated: July 7, 2018

Time: 1:00 am


County Executive Officer/
Director of Emergency Services
County of Santa Barbara