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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



**RESOLUTION  
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF TUOLUMNE  
September 15, 2015**

**Declaration of Local State of Emergency in Tuolumne County due to pervasive tree mortality**

- WHEREAS,** California Government Code section 8630 and Chapter 2.40 of the Codified Ordinance of the County of Tuolumne empowers the Board of Supervisors to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property and are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of this County; and
- WHEREAS,** On January 17, 2014, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a Drought State of Emergency as the State is experiencing the most severe drought in history with four years of below average rain and snow; and
- WHEREAS,** On February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014, the Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors declared a local state of emergency due to drought conditions and imminent threat of disaster and has renewed same declaration every 30 days, as required by the California Emergency Services Act, Article 14 §8630(c); and
- WHEREAS,** California is in its 4<sup>th</sup> year of record drought resulting in widespread tree mortality and a major bark beetle epidemic; and
- WHEREAS,** On July 31, 2015, Governor Brown proclaimed a State of Emergency due to a series of wildfires statewide citing drought conditions which have increased the State's risk of wildfires and caused millions of trees to die; and
- WHEREAS,** US Forest Service and Cal Fire have reported there is an estimated 13.4 million dead trees due to drought and bark beetle; and
- WHEREAS,** Unless the risks posed by dead, dying and diseased trees are immediately abated, there will be a significantly increased risk to life and property (e.g. trees falling on homes), and interruption of essential services (i.e. roads, power, water, sewer, communications); and
- WHEREAS,** The magnitude of pervasive tree mortality represents a threat that is beyond the capacity of the County (public and private) services, personnel, equipment and facilities and requires coordination and assistance from State and Federal agencies.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors do hereby find that the aforesaid conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the proclamation of a local emergency in Tuolumne County and imminent threat of disaster as the result of tree mortality.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors does hereby request the Governor of the State of California Proclaim a State of Emergency.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County of Tuolumne also requests the State of California assist in the coordination of resources (e.g. CCC Crews, Prison Inmate Crews, etc...) to assist in the removal of dead and dying trees due to drought and bark beetle infestation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County of Tuolumne also requests the State of California to waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts, make available assistance under the California Disaster Assistance Act or any other state funding (e.g. SRA Grant Funds, AB32 Funds, etc...), and to expedite access to federal resources and any other appropriate federal disaster relief programs (e.g. USDA Funding, etc...).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that said local State of Emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors, County of Tuolumne, State of California.

Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Tuolumne on September 15, 2015.

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2nd Dist. Hannelt \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_  
3rd Dist. Poye ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_  
4th Dist. Gray \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_  
5th Dist. Rodger ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

John L. Gray  
John L. Gray, Chairman

ATTEST: [Signature]  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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I hereby certify that according to the provisions of Government Code Section 25103, delivery of this document has been made.

ALICIA L. JAMAR  
Clerk of the Board  
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