

RESOLUTION NO. 21-033

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF LASSEN,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA, CONFIRMING AND RATIFYING A PROCLAMATION
OF LOCAL EMERGENCY IN LASSEN COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Lassen County Code Section 11.14.060 empowers the Lassen County Sheriff and Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when the County is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the Board of Supervisors is not in session; and

WHEREAS, on July 10, 2021, the Sheriff of Lassen County did, in fact, proclaim a local emergency and a copy was sent to the Governor of California with a request that the Governor proclaim and continue to maintain a State of Emergency for the County of Lassen; and further that the Governor immediately request and support a Presidential Declaration; and

WHEREAS, in proclaiming said emergency, the Sheriff of Lassen County, found the conditions of extreme peril had arisen within the County of Lassen from fires originating on the Beckwourth Ranger District of the Plumas National Forest; the Dotta Fire is thought to be started by lightning on June 30, 2021 in the area of Dotta Canyon and on July 2, 2021 the Sugar Fire is thought to be started by lightning west of Sugarloaf Peak; and

WHEREAS, On July 4th at 6 a.m. California Interagency Incident Management Team 4, led by Incident Commander Rocky Opliger, took over command and control of the two fires combining them as the Beckwourth Complex. An Incident Command Post and basecamp was set up in Plumas County, California; and,

WHEREAS, on July 9th, the Beckwourth Complex fire had burned from the Plumas National Forest into Lassen County, and caused the evacuation of hundreds of people in Lassen County; and

WHEREAS, the Beckwourth Complex fire has burned more than 90,000 acres to date with approximately 20% containment. The fire has destroyed approximately 33 homes and

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critical communications infrastructure, and necessitating establishing and staffing an evacuation center in Lassen County for displaced Californians. As of July 13, 2021, the fire continues to be a threat to continues to be a threat to several unincorporated communities and critical infrastructure in Lassen County and along the U.S. Highway 395; and

WHEREAS, in addition, the County of Lassen and Emergency Services are currently operating under a Local Emergency relating to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, said proclamation of local emergency empowers the emergency organization of the County of Lassen to invoke the powers, functions, and duties as prescribed by state law, local ordinance and resolutions of the County of Lassen; and

WHEREAS, the powers, functions, and duties which arise by operation of law upon said proclamation are only in effect for a period of seven (7) days from the date of said proclamation unless confirmed and ratified by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lassen; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lassen, State of California hereby directs that:

1. The Proclamation of Local Emergency dated July 10, 2021, attached hereto, is hereby confirmed and ratified and shall be renewed and deemed continue to exist as provided by state law or until its termination is proclaimed by the Board of Supervisor of the County of Lassen.
2. The Lassen County Board of Supervisors shall review the need for continuing the local emergency at least once every 60 days until its termination is proclaimed by the Lassen County Board of Supervisors in accordance with section 8630 of the California Government Code.
3. The Director of Emergency Services or its designee for the County of Lassen is hereby designated as the authorized representative of the County of Lassen for the purpose of

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receipt, processing, and coordination of all inquiries and requirements necessary to obtain available State and Federal assistance.

4. During the existence of said local emergency, competitive bidding and other local purchasing, bidding, and procurement requirements relating to the local emergency are suspended.
5. The Director of Emergency Services or its designee immediately forward a copy of this resolution ratifying and proclaiming a local emergency to the Governor of California with a request that the Governor proclaim and continue to maintain a State of Emergency for the County of Lassen; and further that the Governor immediately request and support a Presidential Declaration.
6. During the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the Director of Emergency Services or its designee and the emergency organization of this county shall be those prescribed by state law, ordinances and resolutions of this county, as approved by the Board of Supervisors.

This resolution was adopted on the 13th day of July 2021, at a regular meeting of the Lassen County Board of Supervisors in Susanville, California by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Albaugh, Gallagher, Bridges and Hemphill.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Supervisor Hammond.



CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LASSEN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

ATTEST:
JULIE BUSTAMANTE
Clerk of the Board

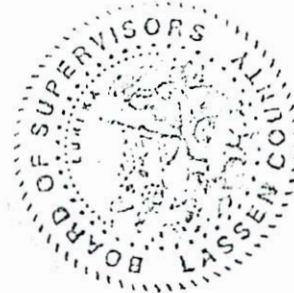
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BY: 
Michele Yderraga, Deputy Clerk of the Board

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I, MICHELE YDERRAGA, Deputy Clerk of the Board of the Board of Supervisors, County of Lassen, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the said Board of Supervisors at a regular meeting thereof held on the 13th day of July, 2021.


Deputy Clerk of the Lassen County Board of Supervisors



**COUNTY OF LASSEN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, Lassen County Code Section 11.14.060 empowers the Lassen County Sheriff and Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when the County is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the Board of Supervisors is not in session; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff and Director of the County of Lassen does hereby find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons, business and property, public lands and resources including, but not limited to, grazing lands, watersheds, timber resources, and public infrastructure have arisen within the County of Lassen, caused by fires arising from the Plumas National Forest on June 30, 2021 and July 2, 2021, and burning into the County of Lassen and causing damage and evacuations of communities throughout the county; and,

WHEREAS, ongoing response, assessments and mutual aid have diverted local resources from day to day operations, and the continued threat of catastrophic wildfire places Lassen County at significant risk, beyond control of personnel, services, equipment and budget of the County and state presently; and

WHEREAS, the initial response over the course of several days by the USDA Forest Service was inadequate to timely and appropriately control the fire when it started; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lassen and Emergency Services are currently operating under a Local Emergency relating to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lassen is not in session, and cannot be immediately called into session.

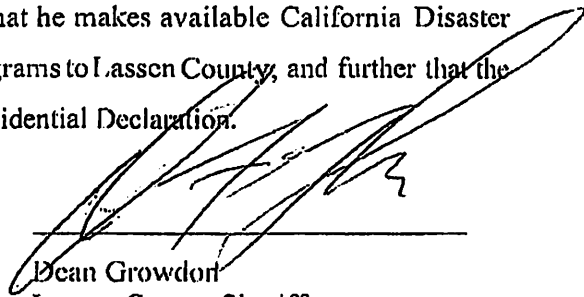
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIM, pursuant to state law and Lassen County Code that a local state of emergency exists within and throughout Lassen County as of July 10, 2021; that a local emergency now exists throughout the County of Lassen.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIM AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of the County of Lassen shall be those prescribed by state law, local ordinance, and resolutions of the County of Lassen; that this emergency proclamation shall, by operation of law, expire in seven (7) days after issuance unless confirmed and ratified by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lassen; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIM AND ORDERED that this Proclamation be forwarded to the Governor of the State of California with a request that he also proclaim the County of Lassen to be in a State of Emergency and that he makes available California Disaster Assistance Act disaster assistance and relief programs to Lassen County, and further that the Governor immediately request and support a Presidential Declaration.

Dated: July 10, 2020

By:



Dean Growdon
Lassen County Sheriff

RESOLUTION NO. 21-037

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF LASSEN,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA, CONFIRMING AND RATIFYING A PROCLAMATION
OF LOCAL EMERGENCY IN LASSEN COUNTY
DIXIE FIRE**

WHEREAS, Lassen County Code Section 11.14.060 empowers the Lassen County Sheriff and Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when the County is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the Board of Supervisors is not in session; and

WHEREAS, on July 21, 2021, the Sheriff of Lassen County did, in fact, proclaim a local emergency; and

WHEREAS, in proclaiming said emergency, the Sheriff of Lassen County, found the conditions of extreme peril had arisen within the County of Lassen from the Dixie Fire; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lassen and Emergency Services are currently operating under a Local Emergency relating to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lassen and Emergency Services are currently operating under a Local Emergency relating to the Beckwourth Fire Complex; and

WHEREAS, said proclamation of local emergency empowers the emergency organization of the County of Lassen to invoke the powers, functions, and duties as prescribed by state law, local ordinance and resolutions of the County of Lassen; and

WHEREAS, the powers, functions, and duties which arise by operation of law upon said proclamation are only in effect for a period of seven (7) days from the date of said proclamation unless confirmed and ratified by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lassen; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of

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Lassen, State of California hereby directs that:

- 1. The Proclamation of Local Emergency dated July 21, 2021, attached hereto, is hereby confirmed and ratified and shall be renewed and deemed continued to exist as provided by state law or until its termination is proclaimed by the Board of Supervisor of the County of Lassen.**
- 2. The Lassen County Board of Supervisors shall review the need for continuing the local emergency at least once every 60 days until its termination is proclaimed by the Lassen County Board of Supervisors in accordance with section 8630 of the California Government Code.**
- 3. The Director of Emergency Services, or their designee for the County of Lassen, is hereby designated as the authorized representative of the County of Lassen for the purpose of receipt, processing, and coordination of all inquiries and requirements necessary to obtain available State and Federal assistance.**
- 4. During the existence of said local emergency, competitive bidding and other local purchasing, bidding, and procurement requirements relating to the local emergency are suspended.**
- 5. The Director of Emergency Services, or their designee, immediately forward a copy of this resolution ratifying and proclaiming a local emergency to the Governor of California with a request that the Governor proclaim and continue to maintain a State of Emergency for the County of Lassen; and further that the Governor immediately request and support a Presidential Declaration.**
- 6. During the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the Director of Emergency Services, or their designee, and the emergency organization of this county shall be those prescribed by state law, ordinances and resolutions of this county, as approved by the Board of Supervisors.**

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This resolution was adopted on the 27th day of July 2021, at a regular meeting of the Lassen County Board of Supervisors in Susanville, California by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Albaugh, Gallagher, Bridges and Hemphill.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Supervisor Hammond.



**CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LASSEN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

ATTEST:

JULIE BUSTAMANTE

Clerk of the Board

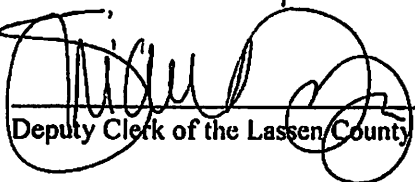
BY:



Michele Yderraga, Deputy Clerk of the Board

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I, MICHELE YDERRAGA, Deputy Clerk of the Board of the Board of Supervisors, County of Lassen, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the said Board of Supervisors at a regular meeting thereof held on the 27th day of July, 2021.



Deputy Clerk of the Lassen County Board of Supervisors



**COUNTY OF LASSEN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY
DIXIE FIRE**

WHEREAS, Lassen County Code Section 11.14.060 empowers the Lassen County Sheriff or Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when the County is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the Board of Supervisors is not in session; and

WHEREAS, the Dixie Fire started on July 13, 2021, in the Feather River Canyon nearby Butte and Plumas Counties and has grown to 85,479 acres with 15% containment. Expected full containment is currently unknown; and

WHEREAS, on July 18, 2021, the Dixie Fire triggered a Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Request to Lassen County to provide immediate response for evacuations in neighboring Plumas County, and subsequently Lassen County is preparing sheltering options for evacuees from the Dixie Fire; and

WHEREAS, the Dixie Fire continues to move Northeast in Plumas County toward Lassen County; and

WHEREAS, the Dixie Fire is damaging and destroying critical infrastructure owned by Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) and thereby prohibiting PG&E from transmitting electricity to the Lassen Municipal Utility District (LMUD); and

WHEREAS, Honey Lake Power (HLP) in Lassen County was supplying LMUD with electrical power, however, on July 18, 2021, HLP experienced an equipment failure causing a system wide outage in the LMUD service area. LMUD's service territory includes the City of Susanville and several unincorporated communities and community service districts. HLP has yet to identify the cause of the equipment failure and is unable to begin repairs; and

WHEREAS, On July 19, 2021, PG&E began providing a small amount of emergency power from the Hat Creek Transmission Line to LMUD allowing LMUD to energize critical infrastructure as supply and load would allow. Critical infrastructure includes but is not limited to municipal services, hospital and nursing facilities, emergency communications, and Lassen County's evacuation center. However, the Hat Creek Transmission Line does not have the capacity to provide ample emergency power and it is uncertain if PG&E will be able to continue supplying power to LMUD. The State's electrical grid does not have another source of transmission or generation to provide emergency power to Lassen County; and

WHEREAS, on July 20, 2021, said lack of emergency electrical transmission capacity and generation has caused LMUD customers and critical infrastructure to continue to suffer from blackouts or complete loss of service. LMUD has advised customers to prepare to be without power for several days if not longer; and

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WHEREAS, the Sheriff and Emergency Services Director of the County of Lassen does hereby find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons in the County of Lassen due to the conditions arising from the Dixie Fire and its advance toward Lassen County, in addition to electrical grid capacity, generation and transmission system failures to supply emergency, or to restore full, electrical power to Lassen County; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lassen and Emergency Services are currently operating under a Local Emergency relating to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lassen and Emergency Services are currently operating under a Local Emergency relating to the Beckwourth Complex Fire; and

WHEREAS, preparations and response to all said emergency situations has diverted local resources from day to day operations. Planning for potential evacuations and sheltering in Lassen County and the ongoing problem of the lack of electrical power, in addition to providing coordinated mutual aid for all emergencies, puts Lassen County at significant risk, beyond control of personnel, services, equipment and budget of the County and state presently; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lassen is not in session, and cannot be immediately called into session.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIM, pursuant to state law and Lassen County Code that a local state of emergency exists within and throughout Lassen County as of July 21, 2021; that a local emergency now exists throughout the County of Lassen.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIM AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of the County of Lassen shall be those prescribed by state law, local ordinance, and resolutions of the County of Lassen; that this emergency proclamation shall, by operation of law, expire in seven (7) days after issuance unless confirmed and ratified by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lassen; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIM AND ORDERED that this Proclamation be forwarded to the Governor of the State of California with a request that he also proclaim the County of Lassen to be in a State of Emergency and that he makes available California Disaster Assistance Act disaster assistance and relief programs to Lassen County; and further that the Governor immediately request and support a Presidential Declaration.

Dated: 7/21/21

By: 

Dean F. Growdon
Lassen County Sheriff

RESOLUTION NO. 21-038

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LASSEN
RATIFYING COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER'S DECLARATION OF LOCAL HEALTH
EMERGENCY**

BECKWOURTH COMPLEX FIRE

WHEREAS, Health and Safety Code section 101080 authorizes a local health officer to declare a local health emergency in the jurisdiction, or any part thereof, when the local health officer reasonably determines that there is an imminent and proximate threat of the introduction into the jurisdiction, or any part, thereof of any contagious, infectious, or communicable disease, chemical agent, non-communicable biologic agent, toxin, or radioactive agent; and

WHEREAS, on July 23, 2021, the County's Health Officer, Kenneth Korver, MD, declared a local health emergency based on an imminent and proximate threat to public health due to hazardous waste in the form of contaminated debris from hazardous waste/materials and structural debris from the Beckwourth Complex Fire, such declaration being attached hereto and incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, under Health and Safety Code section 101080, a local health officer's declaration of a local health emergency must be ratified by the Board of Supervisors within seven (7) days in order to remain in effect; and

WHEREAS, Health and Safety Code section 101080 generally requires the Board of Supervisors to review the need for continuing the local health emergency at least every 30 days until the local health emergency is terminated; and

WHEREAS, Health and Safety Code section 101080 requires local jurisdictions to terminate the emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant termination; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors hereby, and pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 101080, ratifies the local health emergency declared by the local health officer on July 23, 2021.

This resolution was adopted on the 27th day of July 2021, at a regular meeting of the Lassen County Board of Supervisors in Susanville, California by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Albaugh, Gallagher, Bridges and Hemphill.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Supervisor Hammond.

Caren Abbott
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LASSEN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

ATTEST:
JULIE BUSTAMANTE
Clerk of the Board

BY: [Signature]
Michele Yderraga, Deputy Clerk of the Board

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I, MICHELE YDERRAGA, Deputy Clerk of the Board of the Board of Supervisors, County of Lassen, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the said Board of Supervisors at a regular meeting thereof held on the 27th day of July 2021.

[Signature]
Deputy Clerk of the Lassen County Board of Supervisors



DECLARATION NO. 2021-01

**DECLARATION OF A LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY IN COUNTY OF LASSEN
BY LASSEN COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER
BECKWOURTH COMPLEX**

WHEREAS, The Beckwourth Complex is comprised of the Dotta Fire and the Sugar Fire on the Beckwourth Ranger District of the Plumas National Forest. The Dotta Fire is thought to have been ignited by lightning on June 30, 2021 near Dotta Canyon, and on July 2, 2021, the Sugar Fire is thought to have been ignited by lightning west of Sugarloaf Peak; and

WHEREAS, the Plumas National Forest failed to control the fires and on July 4, 2021, the California Incident Management Team 4 (CALIMT4) took over command and control of the fires and combined them to be called the Beckwourth Complex Fire; and

WHEREAS, on July 9, 2021, the Beckwourth Complex Fire had burned from the Plumas National Forest into Lassen County where the wildfire threatened life and property, creating conditions of extreme peril and triggering evacuations of hundreds of people; and

WHEREAS, on July 10, 2021, Lassen County Proclaimed a Local State of Emergency related to the significant impacts of the Beckwourth Complex Fire; and

WHEREAS, on July 13, 2021, by Resolution No. 21-033 the Lassen County Board of Supervisors confirmed and ratified said Proclamation of Local State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on July 16, 2021, Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of a State of Emergency due to the Beckwourth Complex Fire because the wildfire had destroyed homes, caused the evacuation of residents, and damaged critical infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, as of July 20, 2021, the Beckwourth Complex Fire had destroyed or damaged 62 single family residences in addition to damaging or destroying 37 other structures in Lassen County and as a result the wildfire has created an enormous amount of debris; and

WHEREAS, the debris resulting from the Beckwourth Complex Fire contains hazardous material in the ash of the burned structures, which has created a health emergency and poses a substantial present and future hazard to human health and safety and to the environment unless it is addressed and managed; and

WHEREAS, there is an imminent and proximate threat of exposure to partially respirable-size particulate matter, possible infection or communicable disease exposure to biologic agents due to combustion of animal carcasses, possible accumulation of perishable foods and other organic materials that normally require refrigeration but have been left to spoil due to lack of electricity, and potential pollution of nearby surface water; and

WHEREAS, the seasonal thunderstorms and inclement weather could spread the hazardous material in the ash of the burned structures and could thereby pollute and contaminate surface water and the domestic water supplies of the affected areas of Lassen County; and

WHEREAS, California Health and Safety Code section 101075 confers upon the local Health Officer emergency powers necessary to protect public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, California Health and Safety Code section 101080 authorizes the local Health Officer to declare the existence of a local health emergency when this County or any area of the county is affected or likely to be affected by a public health threat while the Board of Supervisors is not in session, subject to ratification by the Board of Supervisors within seven (7) days, and subject to reaffirmation every thirty (30) days thereafter until such local health emergency has ceased; and

WHEREAS, the Health Officer hereby finds that:

- (a) The Beckwourth Complex Fire has created certain hazardous waste conditions in Lassen County in the form of contaminated debris from household hazardous waste/materials and structural debris resulting from the destruction of residences and structures and
- (b) The hazardous waste debris poses a substantial present or potential hazard to human health and the environment unless immediately addressed and managed; and
- (c) There is an imminent and proximate threat of infections or communicable disease and/or non-- communicable agents due to fire related debris; and
- (d) The Board of Supervisors of the County of Lassen is not in session and cannot immediately be called into session; and

These threats to public health necessitate the declaration of a local health emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS DECLARED that a local health emergency exists in the County of Lassen, due to hazardous waste in the form of contaminated debris from hazardous waste/materials and structural debris from the ongoing Beckwourth Complex Fire; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED that during the existence of the local health emergency the powers, functions and duties of the Health Officer shall be those prescribed by State law, including the provisions of California Health and Safety Code sections 101040 and 101085; and by ordinances, resolutions, and approved plans of the County of Lassen to mitigate the effects of the local emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Lassen County Health Officer, Dr. Kenneth Korver declares:

A local health emergency is declared in Lassen County commencing on or about 10:20 a.m./p.m. of the 23 day of July, 2021.

7/23/21
Date


KENNETH KORVER, MD
Health Officer
County of Lassen