

March 24, 2021

TO: Board of Supervisors  
Agenda Date: April 13, 2021

FROM: Silas Rojas, Emergency Services Chief

SUBJECT: Review and terminate Local Emergency Resolution regarding 2020 wildfires.

ACTION REQUESTED:

1. Terminate local emergency.

Summary:

On January 20, 2021 CalOES advised Lassen County there was no reason to continue the local emergency declarations for the Gold, Hog or Laura 2 Fire. Furthermore in two separate letters dated March 23, 2021 CalOES advised Lassen County that the Gold Fire and Hog fire did not qualify for disaster assistance. They did suggest the Sheep Fire Declaration Continue as it is part of the Major Declaration. (see include email string)

Considering this, it is my recommendation the local declaration for the above listed fires be terminated.

## Rojas, Silas@CALFIRE

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**From:** Leggitt, Meghan@CalOES <Meghan.Leggitt@CalOES.ca.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 20, 2021 5:08 PM  
**To:** Lassen OES@CALFIRE  
**Cc:** SharedMail\_DisasterRecovery@CalOES; Scott, Tamara@CalOES; Weber, Rebecca@CalOES  
**Subject:** RE: Emergency Declaration Question

**Warning:** this message is from an external user and should be treated with caution.

Good Evening Silas,  
Unless you need the local proclamations, for our purposes you can let them expire. You may want to keep the Sheep proclamation current as it is a part of the Major Declaration. Please let me know if you have any further questions.  
Thank you.

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**From:** SharedMail\_DisasterRecovery@CalOES <DisasterRecovery@CalOES.ca.gov>  
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**To:** Leggitt, Meghan@CalOES <Meghan.Leggitt@CalOES.ca.gov>; Scott, Tamara@CalOES <Tamara.Scott@CalOES.ca.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Emergency Declaration Question

Good Afternoon All,

Silas Rojas who is one of the ESC's from Lassen County had some declarations questions (Below) regarding the expiration or continuation of their local emergencies with the Hog, Gold, Sheep and Laura 2 Fires.

Can the declarations unit provide Silas with guidance on how they should proceed with their local emergencies?

Respectfully,

**Tristan Woolacott on behalf of the Recovery Team**

Recovery Team: 916-845-8200  
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Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES)



**From:** Lassen OES@CALFIRE <[Lassen.OES@fire.ca.gov](mailto:Lassen.OES@fire.ca.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 20, 2021 11:37 AM

**To:** SharedMail\_DisasterRecovery@CalOES <[DisasterRecovery@CalOES.ca.gov](mailto:DisasterRecovery@CalOES.ca.gov)>

**Subject:** Emergency Declaration Question

Good Morning Disaster Recovery,

Lassen County is currently reviewing and continuing local emergency declarations for the Hog Fire, Gold Fire, Sheep Fire and Laura 2 Fire. The Sheep Fire is still pending debris removal and we intended to continue the declaration. The remaining fires we have not received any correspondence indicating if they would qualify for disaster assistance. We would like to know if we should continue the local emergencies or would it be acceptable to allow them to expire without jeopardizing and future consideration for disaster assistance.

Than you.

**Silas Rojas**

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March 23, 2021

The Honorable Aaron Albaugh  
Lassen County Board of Supervisors  
221 S. Roop Street, Suite 4  
Susanville, California

Subject: Response to State of Emergency, California Disaster Assistance Act, and  
Presidential Disaster Declaration Requests – Hog Fire

Dear Chairman Albaugh:

This letter is in response to Lassen County's request for a Gubernatorial proclamation of a State of Emergency, as well as requests for financial assistance from the California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) and a Presidential Disaster Declaration to defray costs incurred as a result of the Hog Fire.

In accordance with the California Emergency Services Act, the Governor is empowered to proclaim a State of Emergency when extreme peril exists and when the severity and magnitude of an incident is beyond the capabilities of the local jurisdiction. The determination was made that the provisions of California Government Code section 8558(b), necessary for a State of Emergency proclamation, were not met. Therefore, since the authorities and resources triggered by a Governor's proclamation of emergency were deemed to be unwarranted for this incident, Lassen County's request for a State of Emergency, and subsequent CDAA funding, for the Hog Fire have been denied. Furthermore, the impacts of the Hog Fire were not of such severity and magnitude to be beyond the capabilities of the state; therefore, a Presidential Disaster Declaration request is not warranted for this event.

Cal OES will continue to work closely with your team during the recovery efforts. Feel free to contact me directly at (916) 845-8200, if you have any additional questions or if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

Ryan Buras  
Deputy Director, Recovery Operations

cc: Tom Graham, Inland Regional Administrator, Cal OES  
Silas Rojas, Lassen County Emergency Services Chief



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