

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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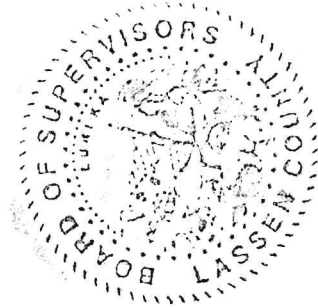
BY:


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.

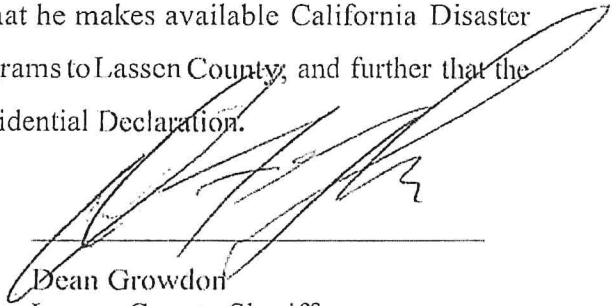
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIM, pursuant to state law and Lassen County Code that a local state of emergency exists within and throughout Lassen County as of July 10, 2021; that a local emergency now exists throughout the County of Lassen.

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