

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL

December 12, 2017

On December 6, 2017, conditions of disaster arose as a result of the Skirball Fire in the City of Los Angeles with air quality conditions impacting the surrounding communities. The Skirball Fire has burned over 100 acres and has required additional fire air resources from neighboring jurisdictions, and, eventually will require mutual aid assistance from throughout the State for fire suppression.

Evacuations of residents and their pets have occurred causing the immediate need for emergency notifications within the City of Los Angeles. Several community shelters have been established for displaced local residents. As a result of the Skirball Fire, multiple schools have closed as well as a major freeway in the County, which separates crucial areas of the County.

Several County of Los Angeles departments have engaged in response activities and offered assistance to the impacted communities. County departments assisted with the vulnerable populations in the area and those residents impacted by the poor air quality. County staff implemented coordination between State and local officials and

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have begun planning to address future impacts and services to the residents in the area.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board:

- 1) Ratify the attached proclamation made on December 6, 2017 for the Skirball Fire in the City of Los Angeles. This proclamation shall remain in effect until its termination is proclaimed by the Board;
- 2) Forward a copy of the proclamation to the Director of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services with the request that the Director find it acceptable in accordance with State law; and request that a Governor's Proclamation be provided under the California Disaster Assistance Act; and
- 3) Direct County Departments to implement all assessment, assistance and monitoring efforts as applicable.

**PROCLAMATION OF EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY BY THE CHAIR OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND REQUEST FOR A STATE PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 2.68 of the Los Angeles County Code empowers the Chair of the County of Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (Board) 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 Chair of the Board finds that beginning on December 6, 2017, conditions of disaster and extreme peril to the safety of persons and property arose as a result of the Skirball Fire that began in the City of Los Angeles, which has created conditions that are beyond the control of local resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the Skirball Fire has burned over 100 acres, leading to evacuations of residents, necessitating the need for multiple human and pet sheltering operations. Smoke from the Skirball Fire has caused unhealthy air conditions for communities surrounding the burn area. Fire conditions have necessitated the closure of a major freeway, caused closures of multiple schools, and resulted in the loss of property. The Skirball Fire has required the need for mutual aid assets from throughout the State; and

**WHEREAS**, these conditions warrant and necessitate that the County proclaim the existence of a local emergency.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** by the Chair of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors that a local emergency exists in Los Angeles County, and that if the Board does not take action to ratify this emergency proclamation within seven days of its issuance, it shall have no further force or effect; and

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND PROCLAIMED** that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of the County shall be those prescribed by state law, by ordinances, and resolutions of the County; and

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND PROCLAIMED** that a copy of this proclamation be forwarded to the Director of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services requesting that the Director find it acceptable in accordance with State law; that the Governor of California, pursuant to the Emergency Services Act, issue a proclamation declaring an emergency in Los Angeles County; that the Governor waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts; that recovery assistance be made available under the California Disaster Assistance Act; and that the State expedite access to State and Federal resources and any other appropriate federal disaster relief programs.

Date: December 6, 2017

  

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Chair, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors