

The County of Yuba

County Administrator



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Deputy Director of Emergency Services, Scott Bryan

SUBJECT: Approve resolution proclaiming the existence of an ongoing local emergency due to the Willow Fire in the County of Yuba.

DATE: September 15, 2020

NUMBER: 497/2020

Recommendation:

The Board of Supervisors adopt and ratify a resolution proclaiming the existence of a local on-going emergency for the Willow Fire.

Background:

In the early morning hours of September 9, 2020, initial reports of a fire were reported to the Yuba County Sheriff's Office in the Loma Rica area. The fire had a rapid rate of spread due to large ground level fuel loads and strong Northerly winds.

This caused for the need to evacuate citizens utilizing the Code Red System and door to door notification by the Sheriff's Office. Mutual aid from local law enforcement and fire services were called upon, through the Statewide Emergency Management System and Statewide mutual aid agreements. A shelter was opened at the Yuba Sutter Fair Grounds for displaced residents and the Yuba County Emergency Operations Center was activated based on the threat to lives and damage to personal property which existed in the unincorporated area of Yuba County, the Director of Emergency Services proclaimed a local emergency on September 9, 2020, requesting a Cal OES Secretarial Concurrence, Gubernatorial Proclamation.

Discussion:

Per Yuba County Ordinance Code 4.20 the Director of Emergency Services Proclaimed a local emergency in the County of Yuba on September 9, 2020 due to the on-going emergency and conditions which exceeded local resources. 7 homes were destroyed in the Willow Fire. With the destruction caused by the fire the final incident period of the emergency has not yet been determined, therefore it is recommended that your Board continue the proclamation of the local emergency until the end of the incident period. Per statutory requirements, your Board is required to ratify this proclamation within seven days.

Committee Action:

No Committee action was taken due to State Requirements.

Fiscal Impact:

General Fund - Unknown

Attachments:

497/2020: Willow Fire Emergency Proclamation

497/2020: Willow Fire Resolution