

The County of Yuba

County Administrator



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Emergency Operations Planner, Briana Haberman

SUBJECT: Adopt and ratify resolution proclaiming the existence of an ongoing local emergency due to the North Complex Fire in the County of Yuba.

DATE: September 22, 2020

NUMBER: 501/2020

Recommendation:

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

Background:

On the morning of August 18, 2020, initial reports of two fires, the Claremont Fire and the Bear Fire, were reported due to lightning within the Plumas National Forest in Butte and Plumas Counties. On September 8, 2020, the two fires combined, creating the North Complex Fire, and had a rapid rate of spread due to large ground level fuel loads and strong Northerly winds. The western part of the fire, also previously known as the Bear Fire, began to threaten residents of the County of Yuba.

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 15, 2020, requesting a Cal OES Secretarial Concurrence, Gubernatorial Proclamation and assistance through the Stafford Act via Presidential Declaration.

Discussion:

Per Yuba County Ordinance Code 4.20 the Director of Emergency Services proclaimed a local emergency in the County of Yuba on September 15, 2020 due to the on-going emergency and conditions which exceeded local resources. The North Complex Fire continues to burn and 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:

501/2020: North Complex Fire Emergency Proclamation

501/2020: North Complex Fire Resolution