



## COUNTY OF MONO

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February 11, 2015

Mike Ghirladucci  
California Office of Emergency Services  
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RE: Mono County request for California Disaster Assistance Act Funding for response to Round and Van Dyke Fires

Director Ghilarducci:

Mono County is requesting your support in attaining state funding to address the numerous impacts of the recent winter windstorm and the subsequent Round and Van Dyke Fires. Mono County residents have experienced a deep loss of private and public property, disruption to the local economy and the County lacks sufficient resources to address the short and long term impacts.

After meeting with Sean Smith, Disaster Assistance Program Specialist and Karla Benedicto of OES, please accept this letter as our official request for a State Declaration of Disaster and the access to any and all state funding sources to help with the recovery of this event. Mono County has passed both a Declaration of Local Emergency (included) along with Board of Supervisors ratification Resolution), as well as a Public Health Hazard Declaration (also included).

The Round Fire covered 7,000 acres and engulfed the community of Swall Meadows. Initial estimate is that over \$8.8 million in private homes (39) were lost. This is nearly one third of the community of Swall Meadows. We also lost a home in the adjacent community of Paradise. Numerous public utility and road structures were impacted and dozens of citizens are now homeless deserving our support.

We need to take action before thaw winter season of rain hits the scorched hillsides of the community and we face an additional disaster of potential mudslides and flooding. A timely clean-up will be the only means to prevent this and in order to complete this we are requesting use of the CAL Recycle resources to provide certified clean lots. As we are a rural, small population county of only 14,000, we do not have a large contractor base to address this. As was done in Siskiyou County after the devastating fires there, we wish to see the state help support our residents through recovery efforts that will allow quick rebuilding of the community.

We are further requesting that CDAA support be allowed with the waiver of the 25% match that is sometime required by the use of the CDAA.

Thank you for your consideration. Please let us know what additional information we can provide to help us access desperately needed resources for the people of Mono County.

Sincerely,



Jim Leddy

County Administrative Officer, Mono County

CC: Assemblyman Frank Bigelow  
State Senator Tom Berryhill  
Mono County Board of Supervisors  
Sean Smith  
Karla Benedicto

Enclosures: Mono County Board of Supervisors Resolution  
Mono County Sheriff and Director of Emergency Services Declaration  
Mono County Public Health Hazard Declaration



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**RESOLUTION NO. R15- 08**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO  
RATIFYING A PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY  
AND CONTINUED STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Emergency Services, Sheriff Ingrid Braun, proclaimed a state of local emergency in the County of Mono on February 6, 2015, a copy of which is attached hereto as an exhibit and incorporated herein by reference; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board thereafter duly reviewed the need for the local emergency in accordance with legal requirements; and


**WHEREAS**, the situation resulting from said conditions of extreme peril is still beyond the control of the normal protective services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of and within said County of Mono;


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mono, State of California, does hereby ratify the aforementioned proclamation of local emergency and continued state of local emergency in said County.

**PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED** this 10th day of February, 2015, by the following vote, to wit:

<b>AYES</b>	Supervisors Alpers, Corless, Fesko, Johnston, Stump.
<b>NOES</b>	None.
<b>ABSENT</b>	None.
<b>ABSTAIN</b>	None.

  
TIMOTHY E. FESKO, Chair  
Mono County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:  
  
COUNTY CLERK, ASSISTANT

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
  
COUNTY COUNSEL

**COUNTY OF MONO  
EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, Code No. 2.60.070 of the County of Mono empowers the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when Mono County is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the County Board of Supervisors is not in session, and;

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services of the County of Mono does hereby find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within Mono County, caused by drought, wind, fire and winter storm; which began on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015, and;

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mono is not in session and cannot immediately be called into session, and;

WHEREAS, on January 17, 2014, the Governor of the State of California declared a State of Emergency due to current drought conditions; and on February 6, 2015, a powerful windstorm occurred in California; and these high winds, exacerbated by the drought, wreaked havoc in Mono County, and:

WHEREAS, these conditions are beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of Mono County, and;

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services of the County of Mono finds that these emergency conditions will require additional resources, services, personnel, equipment and any other assistance, including the combined forces of the mutual aid region to mitigate the effects of the local emergency. These resources are necessary to address immediate threats and to assist in recovery efforts.

Portions of communities with Mono County have been evacuated and remain threatened. More than 40 structures, including homes, have been destroyed. Power was lost to much of Mono County during freezing temperatures. Potential needed resources may include extensive logistical and personnel assistance with firefighting; aerial support; evacuation operations; shelters; debris removal; and smoke damage. We are requesting consideration for a U.S. Small Business Administration Disaster Declaration for Individual Assistance. Additionally, we are requesting funding through the California Disaster Assistance Act and any and all recovery assistance the State of California can provide.

This list is not necessarily reflective of the total extent of the assistance that may be required. Additional resources may be requested as the disaster progresses and worsens.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a local emergency now exists throughout Mono County, and;

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of Mono County shall be those prescribed by state law, by ordinances, and resolutions of Mono County; and that this emergency proclamation shall expire in seven days after issuance unless confirmed and ratified by the governing body of the County of Mono.

Dated: February 6, 2015

By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
INGRID BRAUN  
Sheriff/Coroner and Director of Emergency Services  
County of Mono



# Public Health Mōno-Gram

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## PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY BY THE COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER

WHEREAS, the California Health and Safety Code, Division 101, Part 3, Chapter 2, commencing with §101075 confers upon Local Health Officers of the political subdivisions of this state emergency powers necessary to protect public health and safety;

WHEREAS, §101080 of the California Health and Safety Code, states that "the local health officer may declare a local health emergency in the jurisdiction or any area thereof" affected by hazardous waste which is an imminent threat to the public health;

WHEREAS, Health and Safety Code Section 101080 empowers the local health officer to proclaim the existence of a local health emergency when this county or any area of the county is affected or likely to be affected by such a public health threat while the Board of Supervisors is not in session, which shall expire if not ratified by the Board of Supervisors within seven days and is subject to reaffirmation every 14 days thereafter until such local health emergency is terminated; and,

WHEREAS, the Health Officer of the county of Mono does hereby find:

1. That conditions of certain hazardous waste in Mono County in the form of debris resulting from a fire occurring on February 6, 2015, and which involved destruction of a number of structures, poses a substantial present or potential hazard to human health and the environment unless immediately addressed and managed; and
1. That the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mono is not in session and cannot immediately be called into session; and
1. That the aforesaid threat to public health necessitates the proclamation of the existence of a local health emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a local health emergency is now threatened to exist in the communities of Paradise and Swall Meadows in this county due to hazardous waste in the form of debris from a recent fire; and,

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the Health Officer shall be those prescribed by state law, including the provisions of Section 101085 of the Health and Safety Code, and by any ordinances and resolutions of this county approved by the Board of Supervisors.

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Health Officer, Mono County Health Department

Dated: 2/11/15