Subject: Continuation of Local Disaster Proclamation Due to the Cherokee and La Porte Fires

Department: County Administration

Meeting Date Requested: 7/24/18

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Department Summary: (Information provided in this section will be included on the agenda. Attach explanatory memorandum and other background information as necessary).

A local emergency presently exists in Butte County due to the Cherokee and La Porte Fires in accordance with the proclamation made by the Chief Administrative Officer on October 9, 2017 and reaffirmed and ratified by the Board of Supervisors on October 10, 2017. The local disaster proclamation enables the County to obtain State and Federal dollars to help with the recovery. The local emergency resulting from conditions of the Cherokee and La Porte Fires is still in effect as clean up of the hazardous debris has not yet been completed and a local health emergency is in effect. State law requires that the Board of Supervisors review the need for continuing the local emergency every 30 days.

At this point, the final duration of the emergency has not yet been determined.

Fiscal Impact: Does not apply

Personnel Impact: Does not apply

Action Requested:
1. Confirm the need for continuing the proclamation of local Cherokee and La Porte Fire Incident emergencies; and
2. Adopt resolution and authorize the Chair to sign.

Administrative Office Review: Brian Ring, ACAO
Resolution No.

RESOLUTION CONTINUING THE PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY – CHEROKEE AND LAPORTE FIRES

WHEREAS, on October 8, 2017, wild fires called Cherokee and LaPorte began in and around the County of Butte; and

WHEREAS, the Cherokee and LaPorte fires burned more than 14 thousand acres of land, destroyed multiple structures in Butte County, including homes, and caused the evacuation of residents and damage to roads and other critical infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, on October 9, 2017, Butte County Chief Administrative Officer Paul Hahn declared a Local Emergency in Butte County, which declaration was ratified by the Board of Supervisors on October 10, 2017; and

WHEREAS, on October 9, 2017, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. issued an emergency proclamation for Butte County due to the effects of the fires; and

WHEREAS, together the LaPorte and Cherokee Fires destroyed an estimated 42 homes, 4 commercial buildings and 50 additional structures, and as a result created an enormous amount of debris; and

WHEREAS, some of the ash in the burned structures resulting from the LaPorte and Cherokee Fires contains hazardous material, which has created a health emergency and poses a substantial present and potential hazard to human health and safety and to the environment unless it is addressed and managed; and

WHEREAS, on October 18th, 2017 the local Health Officer declared a local health emergency to exist in Butte County due to the debris resulting from the Cherokee and LaPorte Fires, which was initially ratified by the Board of Supervisors on October 24, 2017.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Declaration of Local Emergency in Butte County due to the Cherokee and LaPorte fires shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Butte County Board of Supervisors this 24th day of July, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSENT:  
NOT VOTING:

ATTEST:  
Shari McCracken, Chief Administrative Officer  
and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: ________________________________  
Deputy

Steve Lambert, Chair  
Butte County Board of Supervisors