

BEFORE
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF MADERA
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of

) Resolution No. 2016-050

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THE EXISTING DECLARATION OF A
LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY IN
MADERA COUNTY DUE TO PERVASIVE
TREE MORTALITY

) A RESOLUTION IN RESPONSE TO
) THE INCREASING CATASTROPHIC
) CONDITIONS RELATED TO THE
) LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY IN
) MADERA COUNTY DUE TO
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WHEREAS, On January 17, 2014, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a Drought State of Emergency as the State is experiencing the most severe drought in history with multiple years of below average rain and snow; and

WHEREAS, The Madera County Board of Supervisors proclaimed the existence of a local emergency due to Tree Mortality on September 15, 2015; and

WHEREAS, On October 30, 2015 Governor Brown issued an Executive Order related to unprecedented tree mortality due to drought conditions, directed state agencies to begin collaborating and partnering with local government to take action to remove dead and dying trees threatening public safety and infrastructure and approved California Disaster Assistance Act funding to assist in these efforts; and

WHEREAS, The United States Forest Service and CALFIRE have reported 29 million dead trees due to drought and bark beetle throughout the state with at least 6 million of those being in Madera County currently and this number is expected to increase; and

WHEREAS, Unless the risks posed by dead, dying and diseased trees are immediately abated, there will be a significantly increased risk to life and property (e.g. trees falling on homes), and interruption of essential services (i.e. roads, power, water, sewer, communications); and

WHEREAS, The magnitude of pervasive tree mortality represents a threat that is beyond the capacity of the County (public and private) services, personnel, equipment and facilities and requires coordination and assistance from both State and Federal agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Madera County Board of Supervisors hereby:

1. Finds the aforesaid conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the proclamation of a local emergency in Madera County and imminent threat of disaster as the result of tree mortality.

2. Requests the Governor of the State of California to continue efforts associated with the California Proclaimed State of Emergency and approval of California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) and asks that he further seeks Federal assistance via a Presidential Declaration.

3. Also requests the State of California to waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts, make available any other state funding and to expedite access to federal resources and any other appropriate federal disaster relief programs.

4. Also requests the State of California to encourage the appropriate Federal Agencies to consider specific sunset exemptions to regulations such as environmental policies that may hinder response and recovery efforts.

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The foregoing Resolution was adopted this 19th day of APRIL,

2016, by the following vote:

Supervisor Frazier voted yes

Supervisor Rogers voted: yes

Supervisor Farinelli voted: yes

Supervisor Rodriguez voted: yes

Supervisor Wheeler voted: yes



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Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Clerk, Board of Supervisors

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