



Contra  
Costa  
County

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: David Twa, County Administrator  
Date: November 1, 2019

Subject: Ratification of County Administrator's Proclamation of Local Emergency (Government Code, § 8630)

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**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

ADOPT Resolution No. 2019/406 ratifying the County Administrator's October 27, 2019, proclamation of existence of a local emergency when the Board of Supervisors was not in session and could not immediately be called into session.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This is an administrative action to declare the existence of a local emergency; the costs to the County resulting from the emergency are not yet known.

**BACKGROUND:**

Section 42-2.802 of the County Ordinance Code empowers the Administrator of Emergency Services (County Administrator) to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the County is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity.

On October 26, 2019, a severe weather event occurred in Contra Costa County. Starting around 8:00 AM that day the County suffered strong winds, coupled with low humidity, which resulted in multiple wildfires that caused power disruption, trees falling, and infrastructure damage throughout the County. These events also necessitated evacuation of

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☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY  
ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD  
COMMITTEE

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Action of Board On: **11/01/2019** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor  
Candace Andersen, District II  
Supervisor  
Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor  
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor  
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: November 1, 2019

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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Finance Director (925) 335-1023

By: June McHuen, Deputy

residents from multiple sites.

## BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

These events placed considerable stress on services, personnel, equipment and facilities of Contra Costa County such that the County Administrator was compelled to issue a Proclamation of Local Emergency. These events commenced over the weekend while the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County was not in session. After conferring with more than one member of the Board of Supervisors, the Emergency Proclamation was issued by the County Administrator on Sunday, October 27, 2019 at approximately 4:27 PM.

It is expected that the local emergency is likely to continue for some period such that the Board of Supervisors will review the need for continuing this proclamation of local emergency at least every 60 days as necessary.

## ATTACHMENTS

Resolution 2019/406

CCC Proclamation of Local Emergency (10/27/19)