

RESOLUTION #

**DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY IN EL DORADO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
DUE TO THE DEGRADED FOREST CONDITIONS, IMMINENT
THREAT FROM CATASTROPHIC FIRES AND EXTREME DROUGHT**

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility and within the scope of authority of the Board of Supervisors of El Dorado County to exercise powers necessary and proper to protect public safety, health, welfare and commercial opportunities of all people within El Dorado County. Promote public prosperity and improve the morals, order, comfort and convenience of the inhabitants of El Dorado County pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of laws of this State and the United States of America.

WHEREAS, historically, the Board of Supervisors and Sheriff of El Dorado County has been periodically required to exercise those powers necessary and proper to provide for the safety, preserve the health, promote the prosperity and welfare of the County in appropriate instances; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of El Dorado County has declared the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the county is effected or likely to be effected by a calamity due to aggravated factor of the general lack of health on our forest lands and watershed due to federal mismanagement driven by ill-advised environmental policies which has placed the county of El Dorado in extreme peril and

WHEREAS, The El Dorado County Sheriffs Office has an obligation to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents and visitors of El Dorado County; and

WHEREAS, the irretrievable loss of productive forest lands and watersheds for generations evidenced by the loss of goods and services originating from the public lands impacted by catastrophic wildfire; the insurance losses from catastrophic wildfires; to include the loss of valuable natural resources, watersheds and wildlife; the damage and/or loss of public and private property; the long-term devastation to local economies; the long term negative impacts on the livelihood of local residents; and, the significant expenditure of public funding resulting from fire suppression efforts as well as infrastructure and resource restoration has risen to a critical point that demands an effective response and cooperative strategy among all levels of government to identify, plan, fund, and implement an effective public land fire protection strategy plan which includes planning, assessments, fuels reduction, and enhanced fire suppression and emergency response; and

WHEREAS, these potential conditions arc beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of El Dorado County and the Federal and State agencies having fire suppression jurisdiction within the County and immediate region and the physical and fiscal impacts to the County of El Dorado will be severe including but not limited to loss of watersheds, public utilities, public services, protection of property, emergency medical response, public schools, transportation, and the direct and indirect threats to business, lives, and property as well as habit for wildlife, and

WHEREAS, Federal laws (e.g. the National Environmental Policy Act, etc.) and regulations contain reciprocal requirements concerning cooperation, consultation and coordination by Federal agencies with state and local governments and such cooperation has not been forthcoming, and

WHEREAS, Multiple-Use Management, Timber Sales and Livestock Grazing have been curtailed to the point of greatly diminishing the health of our forests and watersheds. These have created catastrophic health, safety, welfare and economic affects to El Dorado County, and

NOW THEREFORE, hereby be it resolved that the Board of Supervisors of El Dorado County declares a State of Emergency and a Disaster to exist effecting health, safety, welfare and the economy in the communities and watersheds around and within the El Dorado National Forest, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors and Sheriff of El Dorado County invoking the inherent police powers of the state hereby formally gives notice to all relevant State and Federal officials that pursuant to its duty outlined above, we intend to unilaterally take such actions as are necessary to clear and thin undergrowth and to remove or log green and fire-damaged trees within El Dorado County and to assess all attendant costs to those agencies charged with wise management of our forests and whose neglect has caused the dangerous conditions therein; and

WHEREAS, the inherent authority to control and protect free travel on the network of roads and rights-of-way within the boundaries of El Dorado County is held by El Dorado County to protect the health, safety, welfare and commercial opportunities of all people within El Dorado County; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED the network of roads within the boundaries of El Dorado County are necessary and essential for those purposes; and,

WHEREAS, that any existing physical obstructions, gates or other impediments on any roads, rights-of-way or routes of travel located on National Forest Service or Bureau of Land Management managed lands be immediately removed. The El Dorado County Sheriff is directed to ensure the removal of such obstructions or to execute such removals at the expense of the persons or agencies responsible for their placement or maintenance. Placing or maintaining any unauthorized physical obstruction, gate or other impediment on, in or around any road, route of travel or right-of way in El Dorado County as described herein so as to prevent or impede the free use of that road, route of travel or right-of-way is hereby designated a Class Two Misdemeanor and punishable pursuant to Title J 3 of the California Revised Statutes; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors calls upon the U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Congress, the California Legislature, and the California Governor's office to immediately provide emergency funding to accomplish tree thinning, timber sales, green and dead tree removal, fuel-load reduction, livestock grazing and watershed protection to protect affected areas from catastrophic wildfire.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this 29th day of August, 20 14.



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To: EDC Clerk to the Board
EDC Board of Supervisors

CA PUBLIC RECORDS ACT REQUEST

It is my understanding that Mike Bean, member of the American River Conservancy, is the webmaster for the CLNews community Google group. Pursuant to my rights under the California Public Records Act (Government Code Section 6250 et seq.), I ask to obtain the following:

- A copy of all El Dorado County contracts, agreements and concessions pertaining to the **Coloma-Lotus News (CLNews)**.
- A copy of all El Dorado County contracts, agreements and concessions with the **Coloma-Lotus Chamber of Commerce** relevant to the Marshall Gold Discovery Historic State Park.
- A copy of all El Dorado County contracts, agreements and concessions with the **El Dorado County Chamber of Commerce** relevant to the Marshall Gold Discovery Historic State Park.
- A copy of all El Dorado County contracts, agreements and concessions authorizing **American River Conservancy or the Marshall Gold Discovery Historic State Park** to be the representative agency for the Coloma-Lotus community.

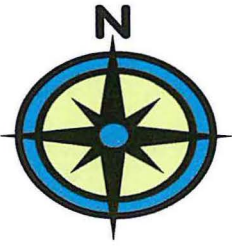
If you determine that some but not all of the information is exempt from disclosure and that you intend to withhold it, I ask that you provide a signed notification citing the legal authorities on whom you rely.

Charges for reproduction of records are limited to the direct costs of materials as stipulated by **Government Code 6253(b)** and **AB1234**. To avoid unnecessary costs of duplication, electronic copies are acceptable and may be emailed to melody.lane@reagan.com.

It is requested that your determination be made within **10 days** as stipulated within the California Public Records Act, **Government Code 6253(c)**. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks for your anticipated cooperation.

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1. Name, job description, and official title of the person authorized as the PIO
2. Signed Oath of Office
3. Offer letter of employment. If this information is not available, please provide an explanation.
4. Bonding Insurance company, policy number, address, and name of the insurance agent

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