



RESOLUTION NO. 179-2014

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO

WHEREAS, Government Code section 8630(a) provides that a local emergency may be proclaimed only by the governing body of a county or by an official designated by ordinance adopted by that governing body; and

WHEREAS, Government Code section 8558(c) defines a “local emergency” as the duly proclaimed existence of conditions of disaster or extreme peril to the safety of persons or property within the territorial limits of the County caused by drought; and

WHEREAS, on January 17, 2014, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a state of emergency in the State of California due to current drought conditions in the state; and

WHEREAS, the Governor’s proclamation acknowledged that the State of California is experiencing record dry conditions that have persisted since 2012; and

WHEREAS, due to severe water shortage, there is extreme peril to existing crops and livestock with significant danger of socioeconomic losses, including jobs and reduced business activity; and

WHEREAS, these persistent drought conditions have negatively impacted and continue to threaten the County’s economy; and

WHEREAS, conditions of drought exacerbate already perilous fire conditions threatening towns and communities throughout El Dorado County; and

WHEREAS, on September 17, 2014, the U.S. Department of Agriculture designated 42 California counties, including El Dorado County, as disaster areas due to agricultural losses caused by Drought that occurred January 1, 2014, and continuing; and

WHEREAS, reduced water supplies have begun to impact the health and sanitation of the county residents living in the community of Outingdale requiring the importation of drinking water, and

WHEREAS, several small municipal water districts exist within the County and the threat for additional communities to be adversely impacted in the same manner as Outingdale is extremely high, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado do hereby find;

That conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within said County, caused by extreme drought conditions that have been persistent since the 1st day of January, 2014, and continuing and;

That these conditions are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of said County;

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of El Dorado also requests the State of California to waive regulations that hinder response and recovery efforts, to make available recovery assistance under the California

Disaster Assistance Act, and to expedite access to federal resources and any other appropriate federal disaster relief programs.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that said local State of Emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors, County of El Dorado, State of California.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of this County shall be those prescribed by state law, by ordinance, and resolutions of this County;

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 21 day of October, 2014 by the following vote of said Board:

Ayes: Briggs, Veerkamp, Mikulaco, Frentzen, Santiago

Noes: none


Absent: none

Abstained : none

Attest

James S. Mitrison
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: 
Deputy Clerk


Chair, Board of Supervisors
Brian K. Veerkamp
First Vice-Chair