



Legislation Text

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Chief Administrative Office recommending the Board adopt Resolution **015-2013** authorizing the Director of Transportation or successor to order the temporary closure of any county highway in the Crystal Basin area of El Dorado County, including but not limited to Ice House Road and Wentworth Springs Road, when conditions exist that warrant such closure. The necessity for a specific closure, the appropriate location of the closure, and the duration of the closure shall be determined by the Director of Transportation, or successor, based upon the condition of the subject road and surrounding roads and the actual or expected weather conditions. (Est. Time: 30 Min.)

Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this agenda item.

Background

The various County maintained highway roads within the Crystal Basin are utilized by the public on an annual basis, which afford access to many recreational destinations, including but not limited to, Union Valley Reservoir, Ice House Reservoir, and the historic Rubicon Trail. During the winter months during a rain or snow storm event, the roadway surface and surrounding area can deteriorate to an unsafe condition, which could necessitate closure to protect the health and safety of persons using the roadways.

The California Vehicle Code, Section 21101 et seq., provides for the adoption of rules and regulations by local authorities to temporarily close roads for specific purposes.

The California Streets and Highways Code, Section 942.5, allows the Board of Supervisors to restrict the use of, or close any county highway whenever the Board considers such closing or restriction of use necessary: (a) for the protection of the public; (b) for the protection of such county highway from damage during storms; and (c) during construction, improvement, or maintenance operations thereon.

The California Streets and Highways Code, Section 942.6, allows the Board of Supervisors to delegate such authority to the Road Commissioner / Director of Transportation.

Reason for Recommendation

This resolution will give authorization to the Road Commissioner/ Director of Transportation or successor to temporarily close any county highway in the Crystal Basin area of El Dorado County, including but not limited to Ice House Road and Wentworth Springs Road, when conditions exist that warrant such closure. If the Road Commissioner/Director of Transportation determines the need to temporarily close a road or roads within the Crystal Basin, Transportation will post the specific road closure location(s) on the County's website and provide the Board a status report of the closure operation periodically during the closure period.

Action(s) to be taken following Board approval

1. Transportation will continue to assess the weather forecasts and evaluate the roadway

- conditions within the Crystal Basin to determine if a temporary road closure is warranted.
2. Transportation will provide road closure notifications on the County's website and provide the Board with a road closure status report periodically during the closure period.

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Concurrences

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