MEETING DATE: April 19, 2016
Submiting Department(s):
Clerk of the Board

BRIEF SUBJECT/ISSUE DESCRIPTION:
Continue Proclamation of Local Emergency due to drought conditions and imminent threat of disaster.

Contact: Di Aulabaugh
Phone: 934-64000

AGENDA PLACEMENT
APPOINTMENT – Appearances by: (Specify Name & Title)

ATTACHMENTS
☐ Board Report
☐ Letters
☐ Minute Order
☐ Contract
☐ Transfer
☐ Grant App.
☐ Resolution

LEGAL/PERSONNEL/FISCAL
☐ County Counsel
☐ Personnel
☐ Finance

Required ______ Minutes
☐ Business – No ☒ Consent
☐ Correspondence ☐ Reports & Notices

AFFECTED DEPARTMENT(S)
☐ Receive Concurrence

PUBLIC HEARINGS & COMMITTEE VACANCIES
☐ State ☐ Federal

LEGISLATION
Bill#: _______
☐ Latest Version of Bill
☐ Draft Letter Attached
☐ List of Supporters/Opposers
☐ Statement of Relevance to County Interests
☐ Description Attached

FUNDING SOURCE/IMPACT
☐ General Fund Impact
☐ Other: _______
☐ Budgeted
☐ Transfer Attached
☐ 4/5ths Vote Required
☐ Contingency Request

CONTRACTS, LEASES & AGREEMENTS
☐ New ☐ Renewal
☐ Amendment
☐ Insurance Certificate
☐ Contract Report

Date of Original Contract:
Contract No.:
Fiscal Year:

RECOMMENDED ACTION/MOTION:
 Upon the recommendation of Sheriff/Director of Emergency Services Richard Warren, continue Proclamation of Local Emergency due to drought conditions and imminent threat of disaster.

Reviewed By (if applicable):

Department Head

Personnel Director

Department of Finance

cc:
TO: Honorable Board Members

FROM: Debbie Lambert, Deputy Clerk of the Board

DATE: April 19, 2016

SUBJECT: Emergency Declaration of Drought, Continue Proclamation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As part of the process to become eligible for Federal Assistance made available for losses incurred due to the drought conditions, a Resolution was adopted by the Board on February 4, 2014 declaring that a local emergency exists. Thereafter, every 30 days the Board must declare the need for continuing the local emergency.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

Upon the recommendation of Sheriff/Director of Emergency Services Richard Warren, continue Proclamation of Local Emergency due to drought conditions and imminent threat of disaster.

FISCAL/PERSOONNEL IMPACT(S):

The Declaration of Local Emergency would provide Federal assistance to those impacted by the drought.

Analysis/Discussion:

The drought task force has continued to meet and collaborate with State Office of Emergency Services (OES) and the drought conditions that compelled the declaration have not improved but have continued. The emergency declaration is necessary to continue the drought task force and our cooperation with State OES.
March 26, 2014

The Honorable Michael Murray  
Glenn County Board of Supervisors  
Willows Memorial Hall, 2nd Floor  
525 West Sycamore Street, Suite B1  
Willows, California 95988

Dear Chairman Murray:

This is in response to Glenn County's local proclamation of an emergency due to drought. Governor Brown's office is working with state and federal authorities to lessen the effects of California's drought as well as address issues impacting individuals, businesses, and the environment.

In January 2014, several declarations came about affecting California's 58 counties as a result of the drought. A gubernatorial state of emergency was proclaimed, which also established a Drought Task Force to oversee and coordinate response to California's water shortages, in addition to ensuring the health safety of our citizens and protecting natural resources; a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Disaster Designation making farm operators eligible for low interest emergency loans through USDA's Farm Service Agency; and a U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Economic Injury Disaster Designation making low-interest loans available to eligible homeowners, renters, and small non-farm businesses in California.

Beyond the programs currently in place, President Obama recently made $183 million available to drought-ravaged communities to help ranchers recover from drought-related losses and help provide food and water to families impacted by the drought. Further, the President's 2015 Budget will include a $1 Billion Climate Resilience Fund to help communities in two ways: (1) to better plan and prepare for the impacts of climate change while encouraging local measures to reduce risk; and, (2) to fund breakthrough technologies and resilient infrastructures to combat the effects of changing climate.

Governor Brown recently expedited relief funds to immediately help communities deal with the devastatingly dry conditions. The legislation provides $687.4 million for housing and food for workers directly impacted by the drought, bond funds for projects to help local communities more efficiently capture and manage water, and funding for securing emergency drinking water supplies for drought-impacted communities.
The Honorable Michael Murray  
March 26, 2014

While the situation does not currently warrant enactment of the California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA), please be assured Cal OES strives to ensure all communities receive any and all resources, including financial assistance, available to limit the impact of local disasters on the public. Cal OES will continue to work closely with operational areas to monitor and evaluate the impact on California’s local jurisdictions from drought and will revisit funding under CDAA should drought conditions escalate.

Please know that Cal OES will continue to work closely with your team during the recovery efforts and explore opportunities to supplement the funding available. Feel free to contact me directly at (916) 845-8506 if you have any additional questions or if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

MARK S. GHILARDUCCI  
Director
GLENN COUNTY
PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the County of Glenn empowers the Board of Supervisors to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when said County is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Glenn does hereby find; that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within said County of Glenn, caused by the 2014 drought, which began in the fall of 2013 and was previously declared on the 4th day of February, 2014 and the new declaration is due to the original local disaster going beyond the required time to reaffirm, and; that these conditions are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of said County, and may continue for an extended length of time, and; that the aforesaid conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of the local emergency;

WHEREAS, the County of Glenn has received the Emergency Proclamation due to the current drought conditions in the State of California. The conditions and concerns in your outline justifying the Proclamation are identical to those we have in the County of Glenn; and

WHEREAS, our County's economic engine is driven by agriculture, the home of over 1000 farms and ranches with over 489,000 acres in cultivation. Our major commodities are rice, almonds, dairy, walnuts, corn, and wheat. We have been called the "Olive Oil Capital" of California's new burgeoning olive oil industry and have a myriad of other important permanent crops including citrus, grapes, pistachios, and prunes; and

WHEREAS, our groundwater tables are dropping. The Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District has been restricted from water diversion under the State Water Resources Control Board Term 51 provisions. Many water districts of the Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority are out of water for the 2013 irrigation season ending February 26th and we have been warned the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation expects to announce a zero water allotment for the 2014 season beginning March 1; and
WHEREAS, this crisis situation puts all of our residents and our economy at extreme risk. Our cities and rural residents rely on groundwater. Our farms and ranches that depend on surface water will turn to groundwater. Some will go dry. Our aquifers will be stressed to their limits. We have engaged all of our resources, limited as they are, to meet this challenge; and

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

IT IS HEREBY 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 ordinances, and resolutions of this County.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the State Offices of Emergency Services, State Senator Jim Nielsen, Assemblyman Dan Logue, U.S. Congressmen John Garamendi and Doug LaMalfa, and U.S. Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer.

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

Glenn County Board of Supervisors: 

Mike Murray, Chairman

Date: 16 April 2014

April 16, 2014