



RESOLUTION No. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION CONTINUING THE PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY IN NEVADA COUNTY DUE TO THE WIND COMPLEX FIRES AND RELATED EVACUATIONS IN THE AFFECTED COMMUNITIES AND REQUESTING THAT THE GOVERNOR CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

WHEREAS, the California Emergency Services Act, commencing with California Government Code Section 8550, provides state assistance and resources to local jurisdictions in the event of a local emergency; and

WHEREAS, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property arose within said County, commencing on or about October 9, 2017 due to the Wind Complex Fires – Lobo and McCourtney, which threatened the life and safety of the people and property who reside in the affected communities and resulted in mandatory and voluntary evacuations of the affected communities; and

WHEREAS, on October 9, 2017, the Governor of the State of California issued an emergency declaration for the County of Nevada, to assist with the County's response to the Wind Complex Fires and support the local evacuations; and

WHEREAS, on October 9, 2017, at approximately 2 a.m., Nevada County commenced emergency services and opened its emergency shelters to provide food, shelter, emergency supplies, social services, medical attention, and transportation for evacuees and their animals, and to provide supplies and other services as needed to address the complex and rapidly changing circumstances to individuals displaced by the emergency evacuations; and

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2017, by Resolution No. 17-516 the Board of Supervisors County of Nevada proclaimed the existence of a local emergency due the Wind Complex Fires and related evacuations pursuant to Government Code section 8630(a); and

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2017, a Federal disaster declaration was issued for the County of Nevada to assist with the County's response to the Wind Complex Fires and support the local evacuations; and

WHEREAS, Government Code section 8630(c) requires that the local emergency declaration be reviewed and re-affirmed at least every thirty (30) days until the local emergency is terminated; and

WHEREAS, since the adoption of the local emergency declaration, emergency conditions continue to exist and an active recovery effort for property owners and residents affected by the fire is in progress but has not yet been completed, and local resources continue to be unable to cope with the effects of said local emergency, necessitating continuation of the aforementioned local emergency proclamation; and

WHEREAS, the recovery and cleanup efforts related to the fires and the conditions on which the local emergency is based are expected to continue for at least another thirty (30) days; and

WHEREAS, the effects of said local emergency is, or is likely to continue to be, beyond the control, capacity, and resources of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of Nevada County and the County desires that the State and Federal Governments continue to provide State and Federal resources and assistance with the ongoing recovery effort including but not limited to the clean up and removal of hazardous debris and delivery of housing, unemployment benefits and other social services to residents directly affected by the fires.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada, State of California hereby finds that the above recitals are true and correct, continues the local emergency declared by the Board of Supervisors on October 10, 2017, due to the Wind Complex Fires and declares that there is a continuing need to maintain said emergency proclamations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada, State of California hereby directs that:

1. This Proclamation of Local Emergency due to the Wind Complex Fires – Lobo and McCourtney shall be reviewed and re-affirmed at least every thirty (30) days and deemed to continue to exist as provided by state law or until its termination is proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada. The Board of Supervisors further affirms and ratifies any actions taken by the Director of Emergency Services or his designee in connection with said Proclamation.
2. The Director of Emergency Services for the County of Nevada is hereby designated as the authorized representative of the County of Nevada for the purpose of receipt, processing, and coordination of all inquiries and requirements necessary to obtain available State and Federal assistance.
3. During the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the Director of Emergency Services, or his designee, and the emergency organization of the County shall be those prescribed by state law, local ordinance and resolutions of this county approved by the Board of Supervisors, and by the Nevada County Operational Area Emergency Operations Plan, as approved by the Board of Supervisors.
4. The Director of Emergency Services or his designee immediately forward a certified copy of this resolution proclaiming the continuation of a local emergency to the Governor of California with requests that the Governor continue to maintain a State of Emergency for the County of Nevada, that the State of California waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts and make available recovery assistance under the California Disaster Assistance Act, and that the State continue to expedite access to federal resources and any other appropriate federal relief programs.