



TERMINATION OF PROCLAMATION OF EXISTENCE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO THE 2019 KINCADE FIRE

City Council Meeting
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Recommendation

It is recommended by the City Attorney's Office that the Council, by resolution, terminate the Proclamation of Existence of a Local Emergency, first proclaimed on October 27, 2019 and extended since that time relating to the 2019 Kincade Fire.

Background

- The Kincadee wildfire was ignited on October 23, 2019, during a high wind event in the area of the Geysers
- The Fire ultimately encompassed 77,758 acres and threatened the communities of Geyserville, Healdsburg, Windsor and northeast Santa Rosa
- The Fire triggered the evacuation of 180,000 residents across central Sonoma County; and engaged statewide fire-fighting resources for two weeks.

Analysis

- The impacts of the Kincade Fire have now been largely resolved.
- Staff finds that the extraordinary powers and procedures available under the emergency proclamations are no longer necessary.
- Staff therefore recommends that the Proclamation of the Existence of a Local Emergency due to the Kincade Fire be terminated.

Summary

Staff recommends termination of the Proclamation of Local Emergency as the conditions that gave rise to the local emergency no longer exist

QUESTIONS?