



AGENDA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Special Meeting

Crowley Lake Community
Center, 58 Pearson Road,
Crowley Lake, CA 93546

March 3, 2015

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6:00 PM Call meeting to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD on items of public interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. (Speakers may be limited in speaking time dependent upon the press of business and number of persons wishing to address the Board.)

REGULAR AGENDA

0a) Review of Local Emergencies (Jim Leddy) - Review state of local emergencies, which were proclaimed by the Sheriff as Director Emergency Services on February 6, 2015, and ratified by the Board on February 10, 2015 and the second local emergency proclaimed by the Mono County Health Officer on February 11, 2015 and ratified by the Board on February 17, 2015.

15 minutes (5
minute presentation;
10 minute
discussion)

Recommended Action: Continue or terminate the state of local emergencies.

Fiscal Impact: There is no fiscal impact for this action.

0b) Round Fire Report and Request for Recovery Actions (Jim Leddy, Sheriff Ingrid Braun, Jeff Walters, Garrett Higerd, Scott Burns, Tom Perry, Lynda Salcido, Tony Dublino and Leslie Chapman) - Status Report on Round Fire impacts by departments and request for actions by Board to advance recovery and re-building efforts.

90 minutes (30
minute
presentations; 60
minute public and
Board
questions/comments)

Recommended Action:

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1. Direct Public Works staff to continue to work with Planning and Building staff on erosion control issues;
2. Provide direction regarding whether the Board wishes to pursue waiver of building permit fees for electrical permits on fire damaged properties for uses other than wells (which fees were previously waived by the Board);
3. Provide direction regarding whether the Board wishes to pursue waiver of planning permit fees for temporary RV placement during reconstruction on fire damaged properties;
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6. Direct staff to utilize Director Review, rather than Use Permit, procedures for reconstruction of fire damaged structures to former size and location as authorized by section 32.020 of the General Plan.
7. Support staff determination/interpretation that surviving accessory uses (e.g., gardens, chicken coops, outbuildings) are not "accessory uses prior to a main use" requiring a Director Review permit, provided that the main use is reconstructed within a reasonable time.
8. Support staff determination/interpretation that reconstruction of damaged or destroyed residences falls within the emergency repair work exemption of the Rimrock Ranch Specific Plan and, therefore, may occur between October 1 and May 15.
9. Authorize Community Development staff to work with the Wheeler Crest Design Review Committee to implement an expedited design review process for Round Fire reconstruction projects;
10. Waive well and septic certification for reconstruction and new septic system permit fees;
11. Direct staff to determine full financial impact of response for consideration at the budget 3rd quarter review in April, and make a recommendation regarding need to declare a fiscal emergency authorizing use of reserves to cover unreimbursed County costs.

Provide any other desired direction to staff.

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TIME REQUIRED	15 minutes (5 minute presentation; 10 minute discussion)	PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD	Jim Leddy
SUBJECT	Review of Local Emergencies		

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(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

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RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Continue or terminate the state of local emergencies.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact for this action.

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2/24/2015 7:32 AM	County Administrative Office	Yes
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RESOLUTION NO. R15- 08

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO
RATIFYING A PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY
AND CONTINUED STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services, Sheriff Ingrid Braun, proclaimed a state of local emergency in the County of Mono on February 6, 2015, a copy of which is attached hereto as an exhibit and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the Board thereafter duly reviewed the need for the local emergency in accordance with legal requirements; and

WHEREAS, the situation resulting from said conditions of extreme peril is still beyond the control of the normal protective services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of and within said County of Mono;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mono, State of California, does hereby ratify the aforementioned proclamation of local emergency and continued state of local emergency in said County.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 10th day of February, 2015, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES	Supervisors Alpers, Corless, Fesko, Johnston, Stump.
NOES	None.
ABSENT	None.
ABSTAIN	None.


TIMOTHY E. FESKO, Chair
Mono County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:


COUNTY CLERK, ASSISTANT

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


COUNTY COUNSEL

**COUNTY OF MONO
EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, Code No. 2.60.070 of the County of Mono empowers the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when Mono County is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the County Board of Supervisors is not in session, and;

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services of the County of Mono does hereby find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within Mono County, caused by drought, wind, fire and winter storm; which began on the 6th day of February, 2015, and;

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mono is not in session and cannot immediately be called into session, and;

WHEREAS, on January 17, 2014, the Governor of the State of California declared a State of Emergency due to current drought conditions; and on February 6, 2015, a powerful windstorm occurred in California; and these high winds, exacerbated by the drought, wreaked havoc in Mono County, and;

WHEREAS, these conditions are beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of Mono County, and;

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services of the County of Mono finds that these emergency conditions will require additional resources, services, personnel, equipment and any other assistance, including the combined forces of the mutual aid region to mitigate the effects of the local emergency. These resources are necessary to address immediate threats and to assist in recovery efforts.


Portions of communities with Mono County have been evacuated and remain threatened. More than 40 structures, including homes, have been destroyed. Power was lost to much of Mono County during freezing temperatures. Potential needed resources may include extensive logistical and personnel assistance with firefighting; aerial support; evacuation operations; shelters; debris removal; and smoke damage. We are requesting consideration for a U.S. Small Business Administration Disaster Declaration for Individual Assistance. Additionally, we are requesting funding through the California Disaster Assistance Act and any and all recovery assistance the State of California can provide.

This list is not necessarily reflective of the total extent of the assistance that may be required. Additional resources may be requested as the disaster progresses and worsens.

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

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of Mono County shall be those prescribed by state law, by ordinances, and resolutions of Mono County; and that this emergency proclamation shall expire in seven days after issuance unless confirmed and ratified by the governing body of the County of Mono.

Dated: February 6, 2015

By: 

INGRID BRAUN
Sheriff/Coroner and Director of Emergency Services
County of Mono



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RESOLUTION NO. R15- 15

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO
RATIFYING A PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY
AND CONTINUED STATE OF LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the County Health Officer on February 11, 2015, issued a proclamation of local health emergency, a copy of which is attached hereto as an exhibit and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the Board thereafter duly reviewed the need for declaring the local health emergency in accordance with legal requirements; and

WHEREAS, the conditions giving rise to the proclamation of a local health emergency are still in existence within said County of Mono;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mono, State of California, does hereby ratify the aforementioned declaration of local health emergency and continued state of local health emergency in said County.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 17th day of February, 2015, by the following vote, to wit:


AYES	:Supervisors Alpers, Corless, Fesko, Johnston,
NOES	:None.
ABSENT	:None.
ABSTAIN	:None.

and Stump.


TIMOTHY E. FESKO, Chair
Mono County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK, ASSISTANT

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY BY THE COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER

WHEREAS, the California Health and Safety Code, Division 101, Part 3, Chapter 2, commencing with §101075 confers upon Local Health Officers of the political subdivisions of this state emergency powers necessary to protect public health and safety;

WHEREAS, §101080 of the California Health and Safety Code, states that "the local health officer may declare a local health emergency in the jurisdiction or any area thereof" affected by hazardous waste which is an imminent threat to the public health;

WHEREAS, Health and Safety Code Section 101080 empowers the local health officer to proclaim the existence of a local health emergency when this county or any area of the county is affected or likely to be affected by such a public health threat while the Board of Supervisors is not in session, which shall expire if not ratified by the Board of Supervisors within seven days and is subject to reaffirmation every 14 days thereafter until such local health emergency is terminated; and,

WHEREAS, the Health Officer of the county of Mono does hereby find:

1. That conditions of certain hazardous waste in Mono County in the form of debris resulting from a fire occurring on February 6, 2015, and which involved destruction of a number of structures, poses a substantial present or potential hazard to human health and the environment unless immediately addressed and managed; and

1. That the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mono is not in session and cannot immediately be called into session; and

1. That the aforesaid threat to public health necessitates the proclamation of the existence of a local health emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a local health emergency is now threatened to exist in the communities of Paradise and Swall Meadows in this county due to hazardous waste in the form of debris from a recent fire; and,

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the Health Officer shall be those prescribed by state law, including the provisions of Section 101085 of the Health and Safety Code, and by any ordinances and resolutions of this county approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Richard O. Johnson, M.D., MPH

Health Officer, Mono County Health Department

Dated: 2/11/15



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Provide any other desired direction to staff.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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 - [Round Fire Declaration legislative Letter of Support](#)
 - [Round Fire Resources Document](#)
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COUNTY OF MONO

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Jim Leddy
County Administrative Officer
Acting Director of HR

February 23, 2015

To: Honorable Chair and Members of the Board of Supervisors
From: Jim Leddy, County Administrative Officer, Sheriff Ingrid Braun, Jeff Walters, Garrett Higerd, Scott Burns, Tom Perry, Lynda Salcido, Tony Dublino Louis Molina and Leslie Chapman

SUBJECT: Round Fire Status Report

DISCUSSION: On February 17th, the Board requested that a special evening Board meeting be held in Crowley to address issues facing residents impacted by the Round Fire of February 6th-9th. The County has produced a Frequently Asked Questions Information Sheet (Attached) and has been working the Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Cal Fire, the California Department of Toxic Substances Control, the Lahontan Water Quality Control Board and Cal Recycle to expedite full recovery for property owners.

BACKGROUND: On February 6th, Sheriff Ingrid Braun acting in her role as Director of Emergency Services issued a local State of Emergency declaration which was ratified by the Board on February 10th and re-affirmed on February 17th. On February 12th, the County sent in its official request to the Governor's Office of Emergency Services requesting the Governor declare a state emergency for Mono County (Attached). If granted by the Governor, this Declaration provides access to state resources for Mono County and residents impacted by the fire primarily through the California Disaster Assistance Act. In addition, a local Health Emergency Declaration was issued by Dr. Rick Johnson, Mono County Public Health Officer on February 11th which also was Board ratified on February 17th. As of February 24th, the most recent communication from Cal Office of Emergency Services, Regional Director Mona Bontty was that there has been no response from the Governor's office to the County's request.

Virtually all County departments have been working along with Supervisor Stump to respond to the various issues that have arisen out of the post fire recovery efforts. These issues cross several departments and in order to better support a rapid recovery and rebuilding of the Swall Meadows and Paradise communities may require Board action. The following department reports are aimed at that purpose and also seek to address the issues raised by the Board on February 17th. In addition, attached is a Round Fire Frequently Asked Questions document produced to support residents. This document is subject to revision as new information becomes available. Listed by department below are initial issues and requested Board actions along with an estimate of County fiscal impact. Some requests will take additional staff efforts and require they be brought back to the Board once Board direction is provided.

RECOMMENDATION:

- A. Receive report from County departments on Round Fire follow up items;
- B. Staff requests the Board direct the actions highlighted below and summarized to facilitate support for the fire impacted residents of Swall Meadows and Paradise.

If you have any questions please contact me at (760) 932-5414 or jleddy@mono.ca.gov.

1) **Public Works - Roads:**

a. **Road impacts** – Status and repair needs

- i. There was no direct damage to road surfaces or striping.
- ii. Approximately 46 guard rail posts were burned on Lower Rock Creek Road. Repairs were completed on February 11 for **\$13,000**.
- iii. Approximately five plastic culvert end sections (FES) melted. Repairs are in progress and are estimated at:

Damage	Labor	Materials	Equipment	Total	Estimated Completion Date
Culverts	\$1,800	\$2,250	\$1,000	\$5,050	February 25, 2015

- iv. A large number of signs (road warning, street name, speed limit etc.) were damaged by the wind and fire. Repairs/replacements are in progress and are estimated at:

Damage	Labor	Materials	Equipment	Total	Estimated Completion Date
Signs	\$5,400	\$1,750	\$3,500	\$10,650	Approx. 3 weeks after order placed.

b. **Erosion Control & Grading Permits**

- i. **Grading Permit:** If a homeowner wishes to reconstruct structures in approximately the pre-fire footprint, with minor additional grading, then a grading permit (and fee) will not be required.

In this situation, the Green Building Code adequately addresses site erosion control Best Management Practices (BMPs) through the building permit process. If a homeowner wishes to perform significantly more grading than existed pre-fire, a grading permit could be required. Because few property owners would benefit, staff does not think it will be helpful to waive grading permit fees. Public Works is willing to assist the Building Official with special inspections for erosion control (Green Building Code). This would create a cost in the form of Public Works staff time.

Staff requests permission to continue to work directly with Planning and Building staff on erosion control issues.

- ii. Staff met with the Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) Team on February 13th and discussed drainage issues.

c. **Use of County Right-of-Way and Encroachment Permits**

- i. **Temporary storage of materials and equipment within County Right-of-Way is allowed** as long as it does not damage the road or impact the flow of traffic or other road activities (e.g. impede snow removal, etc.).
- ii. **New Encroachment Permits are not required to rebuilding structures in the county ROW that were in place prior to the fire.** However, inspections by county staff will still be required to ensure construction meets county requirements. These inspections will create a cost in the form of Public Works staff time. Any new encroachments within the county ROW will require an encroachment permit application.

d. **Home Address Signs** - Many homes no longer have their address signs - Temporary signs are estimated at:

Damage	Labor	Materials	Equipment	Total	Estimated Completion Date
Address Signs	\$900	\$200	\$400	\$1,500	March 6, 2015

2) **Public Works - Solid Waste**

- a. **Disposal Locations – the following information is based upon the lack of state intervention in the form of State Declared Emergency. Should the State Declare an Emergency, Cal Recycle is expected to come into the area and handle the costs of lot clean up per the County’s request of February 12th.**

As of February 25, 2015, mixed burned debris from the fire cannot be disposed of at Benton Crossing Landfill. Benton Crossing Landfill can accept recyclable materials including wood waste, appliances, vehicles, aggregate and metal. The following information

Based on the below estimates of ‘Debris per Home Site’ derived from the Angora Fire in South Lake Tahoe, approximately 25% of the total waste generated can be accepted at Benton Crossing Landfill. Staff is exploring ways for soil removed from the site to be utilized at Benton Crossing, which would mean that only 15% of the total waste would require hauling to alternative sites.

Table 2. Estimated Amount of Debris per Home Site¹

MATERIAL	Average Tonnage
Soil and Debris	60 to 120
Ash and Debris	20 to 60
Concrete Debris (Recycle)	20 to 40
Brick	0 to 5
Metal Debris (Recycle)	5 to 10
Other (Trees, drainage, etc.)	0 to 50

¹ Estimated based on tonnages removed from Tahoe 2007

Based on existing regulations, the ‘mixed burned debris’ can be taken to lined landfills in CA (closest option in Lancaster), or can be transported into Nevada where mixed burned debris is accepted at both lined and unlined sites. The closest unlined landfills are Hawthorne (108 miles)

and Tonopah (120 miles). The closest lined landfills are Lockwood, NV or Lancaster, CA, which are both approximately 200 miles from Swall Meadows.

Staff requested approval of a Temporary Staging Area for mixed burned debris at Benton Crossing Landfill. The request was approved by the Local Enforcement Agency and the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board, but it was denied by LADWP.

The available methods for hauling debris to alternative landfills are either through roll-off bins provided through waste haulers, or dump trucks or end-dumps provided by local contractors. At this time, informal estimates put the price of hauling this waste from Swall Meadows to a lined landfill at approximately \$100 per ton. Observations from the sites suggest that mixed burned debris will be on the low side of tonnage.

- b. **Handling by Private Firms** - Homeowners have the option of hiring contractors to perform debris removal. There are many contractors who specialize in this work across the state, and many local contractors who could perform an adequate job. There are several issues, however, because there are no existing standards for cleanup activities—no state standards, no local standards, no insurance standards.

As a result, Lot “A” may hire a qualified contractor to perform a thorough cleanup--utilizing Best Management Practices (BMPs) for dust control, removing all contaminated debris and soil and installing erosion control measures, and next door on Lot “B” the lowest bidder is hired. Over time, dust, contaminants and erosion can end up back on Lot “A.” Lacking state intervention, the County will need to consider whether it is in the best interest of the citizens and the environment to impose such standards to ensure a systematic and equitable cleanup.

- c. **Fee Waivers** - At this time, the County is extending accounts to all affected residents and deferring payment. Any Board action would cause accounts to be adjusted. Because the mixed burned debris cannot go to Benton Crossing, the County would have to take action in order to have any fees to waive.

Mixed Burned Debris Disposal - It is estimated the total cost of mixed burned debris removal from 40 sites to an appropriate facility could amount to \$80,000 (20 tons avg x 40 sites x \$100/ton = \$80,000). If the County covered this entire cost without seeking insurance reimbursement for those policy owners with coverage this would be a direct cost.

Metal -- If the County were to waive fees associated with metal recycling, the total cost is estimated to be \$3,450 (5 tons avg x 40 sites x \$17.25/ton = \$3,450).

Aggregate Material - If the County were to waive fees associated with aggregate material, the total cost is estimated to be \$13,200 (30 tons avg x 40 sites x \$11/ton = \$13,200).

The County may seek to help residents in the metal and aggregate cleanup by providing bins to residents. If the County provided bins (through one of our waste haulers) to residents for metal, the cost would be approximately \$12,000 (40 bins x \$300 per bin = \$12,000). For aggregate, approximately \$48,000. (160 bins x \$300 per bin = \$48,000).

Soil Removal – in the absence of a cleanup standard, this cannot be estimated. Some may choose to rake up debris and remove only a ton of soil. On the same property, another may endeavor to remove and test soil until it is ‘clean,’ and take 30 tons of soil off.

The total charges incurred at Benton Crossing Landfill would not be significant, as we charge only \$5 per load for soil (a valuable resource at the landfill) but if the soil had to be hauled to another site, at \$100 per ton, the cost escalated rapidly.

Solid Waste Activity	Direct Cost to County	Loss of revenue (fee waiver)	Notes
Mixed Burned Debris	\$80,000*		* = If no effort to get reimbursement from insurance policies
Metal	\$12,000	\$3,450	
Aggregate Material	\$48,000	\$13,200	
Soil disposal	TBD	TBD	
Total estimate	\$140,000	\$17,650	

Staff is requesting the board to authorize the Solid Waste Superintendent to:

1. Provide bins for metal disposal at no cost to property owners.
2. Waive gate fees for the disposal of wood waste, metal, and aggregate material for victims of the Round Fire.
3. Authorize SW Superintendent to enter agreements with haulers to arrange for disposal of mixed burned debris to an appropriate location. Develop and enter agreements with property owners to reimburse County for removal of mixed burned debris, in accordance with existing insurance coverage. This action only necessary is there is no state declared emergency.

3) Community Development

- a. **Fee Waivers.** On February 17, 2015, the Board of Supervisors directed that building permit fees for electrical permits necessary to power water wells be waived. This would include permits to repair existing systems, or for new services

Staff requests that additional building permit fees for electrical permits (e.g., to power temporary trailers on sites where homes were destroyed) and that related planning permit fees, such as the Director review for RV/trailer placement, also be waived.

- b. **RV placement and use while reconstructing home** is currently allowed via Director Review (DR) permit. The General Plan gives the Director discretion in determining whether notice to contiguous property owners should be given, but requires notice if the proposed placement may impact contiguous owners. Placement of an RV onsite during construction is only allowed if a building permit has been obtained.

Staff requests Board of Supervisors direction/support for streamlined processing of DR permits for temporary RV placement during reconstruction without notice to contiguous property owners.

- c. Currently a building permit is required as a condition to RV placement and use under the DR process.

Staff requests Board of Supervisors direction/support for the issuance of DR permits for RV placement prior to a building permit being obtained, provided that a condition of the DR permit is that a building permit be issued prior to actual placement of the RV.

Alternatively, staff requests direction to come back to the Board with a proposed General Plan Amendment (or other modification) that would authorize placement of RVs upon commitment from the property owner to seek a building permit within a reasonable period of time.

- d. **Nonconforming structures damaged or destroyed** currently may be rebuilt to former size and location subject to Use Permit. The Use Permit requirement may be waived for minor projects that are subject to sufficient standards (e.g., County Code, General Plan, etc.), and that are exempt from CEQA.

Staff requests Board of Supervisors direction/support for expedited processing of reconstruction to former size and location under Director's Review (DR) procedures and subject to all General Plan, County Code, and other applicable requirements, with consultation of Cal Fire and the Fire Protection District as additional DR standards, rather than the more involved Use Permit process.

This could address anticipated nonconforming situations such as setbacks, overhead utility service drops, and lack of paved driveway/parking.

Staff also requests direction/support for its determination that accessory uses (e.g., gardens, chicken coops, outbuildings) surviving on properties where the principal structure was destroyed, do not constitute an "accessory use prior to a main use" (which requires a DR permit), unless rebuilding of the principal structure does not commence within a reasonable time (e.g., one year).

This would be based on the fact that a primary use was previously established, and with applicant acknowledgement that the primary use will be reestablished within a reasonable timeframe.

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- f. **Landscaping standards/guidelines for habitat recovery** – Dr. Paulus has offered to recommend landscaping standards/guidelines for habitat recovery. Staff will also be consulting with Dr. Paulus for recommended best practices to protect and re-vegetate damaged habitats.

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4) **Building Department**

- a. **Plan Review/Inspections** - In the interest of expediting building plans and inspections for the number of buildings that may be received within a relatively short time span it is recommended that the County contract out those services. Some of the services can be handled in-house. However, these plan reviews and inspections along with normal course of business during the year increases the workload to such a volume it is prudent to bring in assistance to handle the extra volume timely.

The cost for an expedited plan review (5-7 days) with two separate vendors is \$52,984. The cost for one day notice building inspection is \$50,225 for a combined total of \$103,209.

If the Board of Supervisors authorizes the waiver of building fees, the foregone revenue will approximate \$173,490. The County cannot waive the fees associated with the schools or the fire districts. Those entities would have to be contacted and approve any waiver of fees.

Staff is requesting the Board direct the Building Official to contract with additional vendors to enable expedited Plan review and inspections.

5) **Information dissemination ongoing**

- a. The County is hosting a dynamic website with all information available -- <https://gis.mono.ca.gov/roundfire/>
- b. The **Frequently Asked Questions** document for rebuilding and recovery is attached to this item and is posted to the website. It is routinely update as the County gets additional information. Round Fire information number has been in place and is – **866-745-9719**
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6) **Public Health remaining issues**

- a. Removal of boil water order in Paradise was effected on February 25th.
- b. Debris disposal remains an issue which will require work by Environmental Health Division along with Solid Waste to ensure safe removal and full protection of residents.

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- d. Fire impacted residents could see costs from fees associated with well and septic certifications as well as any new septic system permit fees.

Public Health staff is requesting the Board waive all fees for well and septic certifications, as the rebuilding begins, along with any new septic system permit fees.

- 7) **Public Safety** - The Sheriff’s Office will remain on patrol in the area and provide a stronger law enforcement presence.
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- 9) **Finance** - The Department of Finance has established a separate tracking fund to ensure accurate cost capturing of all Round Fire related County Costs.

From the items highlighted above, current financial impacts of the fire on county finances:

Issue	County Cost	Loss of unanticipated revenues	Notes
1. Public Works			
1.a. Culvert replacement repair	\$5,105	-0-	
1.a.ii Guard Rail	\$13,000	-0-	
1.a. Sign repair replacement	\$10,650	-0-	
1.d. Home address sign replacement	\$1,500	-0-	
2. Solid waste (if no state declaration)	\$140,000	\$17,650	
3. Community Development	TBD	TBD	
4. Building Department Costs – Planning and inspection	\$103,290	\$173,490	
5. Information provision	-0-	-0-	Existing staff resources
6. Public Health	-0-	\$2,000	Existing staff resources to address toxics and health issues
7. Public Safety	TBD	-0-	Overtime costs being determined and required post event increased patrols.
8. Property Tax impacts	\$30,000	TBD	Loss to future revenues.
9. Finances	-0-	-0-	Tracking of expenses being handled by existing staff.
Total	\$273,575	\$193,140	This is in terms of net County costs with no estimate of offset by state private insurance reimbursement

Staff recommends that at the Budget 3rd Quarter review in April the full financial impacts be brought forward with a recommendation on the potential need to declare a Fiscal Emergency under the State Budget Control Act for potential use of Reserves to cover only those unreimbursed County costs as allowed by law.

Summary of Recommendations as identified in the Update above:

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February 11, 2015

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RESOLUTION NO. R15- 08

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AYES	Supervisors Alpers, Corless, Fesko, Johnston, Stump.
NOES	None.
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TIMOTHY E. FESKO, Chair
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ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK, ASSISTANT

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Dated: February 6, 2015

By: _____


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Health Officer, Mono County Health Department

Dated: 2/11/15

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February 17, 2015

Hon. Jerry Brown
Governor of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Brown:

We write to respectfully request that you take immediate action to assist Mono County to address the impacts of the Round and Van Dyke Fires.

Mono County is seeking a State Declaration of Disaster and access to any state resources available to them during this time of crisis. The Round Fire covered 7,000 acres and engulfed the community of Swall Meadows, claiming 39 homes and causing roughly \$8.8 million dollars in damage, leaving many Mono County residents homeless. Local public utilities, roads and structures were also impacted by the round fire.

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Mono County has passed both a Declaration of Local Emergency, as well as a Public Health Hazard Declaration. We have attached a letter from Mono County requesting further assistance for your review.

We look forward to your favorable consideration of our request, and stand ready to work with you and your Administration to respond to, and mitigate, the conditions facing our state.

Sincerely,

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FRANK BIGELOW
Assemblyman, 5th District

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TOM BERRYHILL
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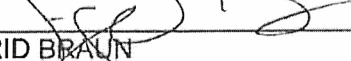
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Richard O. Johnson, M.D., MPH

Health Officer, Mono County Health Department

Dated: 2/11/15

Mono County - Healthy People, Healthy Communities

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MONO COUNTY ROUND FIRE RECOVERY RESOURCES

<https://gis.mono.ca.gov/roundfire/#/> 866-745-9719

February 24, 2015



In response to the devastating impact of the February 6th-9th Round Fire, the following information is being provided to those who need assistance in housing, recovery, social or health services and in beginning the rebuilding process. **This information is subject to change as the**

Board of Supervisors works to address emerging issues and as the varying state agencies engage in the recovery effort. Please note that this information will be updated and on March 3rd at 6:00pm there will be a special meeting of the Board of Supervisors at the Crowley Community Center, 458 South Landing Road, Crowley which could change some of the information provided.

Mono County has been working with the Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Cal Fire, the California Department of Toxic Substances Control, the Lahontan Water Quality Control Board and Cal Recycle to expedite full recovery for property owners.

A. BUILDING DIVISION – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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Jim Shoffner, Building Inspector: (760) 924-1822

Cedar Barager, Permit Technician: (760) 924-1805

Brent Calloway, Analyst: (760) 924-1809

Website: <http://monocounty.ca.gov/building>

Inspection request line: (760) 924-1827

1) Is a demolition permit required for removal of a building or portions of a building that were damaged or destroyed by a fire?

Yes - a demolition permit is required per current state code (the 2013 California Residential Code, section R105.1). This would likely be for existing foundations, as all structures affected by the fire were totally destroyed or had minor damage. These permits are an over the counter style permit.

2) Is a building permit required to repair damage to a structure?

Yes - a permit is required for repairs and construction per current state code (the 2013 California Residential Code, section R105.1). Since very few buildings had minor damage, these permits will be issued no later than the next business day, and will only Require a 'like-for-like' replacement of what was there. No engineering or building plans will be required.

3) When a home is rebuilt, must it be built in compliance with current building codes?

Yes - the buildings must be constructed according to current state building codes. The state code in effect now is the 2013 California Residential Code, which applies to one and two family dwellings and their accessory structures.

4) How long do I have to rebuild my permanent residence?

There is no timeline on when you have to rebuild. However, once issued, building permits are valid for three years, so long as progress is made on construction and regular inspections (one every six months) are being scheduled and conducted by the Mono County Building Division. Additional extensions of time beyond three years are possible with a written request to the Building Official.

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- 5) **How is the County determining the amount of square footage that was on my property?**
The Building Division will rely on two sources of information: **Existing building plans on file, and County Assessor data.** However, the County will consider the square footages from formal documents, such as insurance papers.
- 6) **Can a house be built on an existing foundation?**
Yes, if Applicants who wish to use the existing foundation system have an analysis of the foundation system performed by a California licensed civil or structural engineer. This analysis needs to state the engineer has visited the site and investigated the condition of the existing building elements. It shall also state that the remaining foundation is suitable for the support of the new structure, and that all under-slab utility systems (such as drain, waste, vent, water, mechanical, electrical, etc.) are suitable for continued use.
- 7) **What documents are needed for a building permit submittal?**
All required plans and documents required for a re-build permit are identified on our building permit application, which is available on our website at <http://monocounty.ca.gov/building>
- 8) **Once I have all permit submittal documents ready to submit for a permit, how do I submit them for the permit?**
Submittals can be accepted and processed at both our Mammoth Lakes and Bridgeport offices. The Mammoth Lakes office is located directly above Giovanni's Restaurant at the Minaret Mall, located at 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite P. **The Bridgeport office is located in the Courthouse Annex I building, located in the same building as the library, at 50 School Street.**
- 9) **Does Mono County keep home plans on file for existing homes?**
Yes - we have digital files for existing structures. Most recent homes (i.e., from the mid-to late 1990s to the present) are on file with us, but older homes do not always have files and plans available. **Contact Brent Calloway at (760) 924-1809 or Cedar Barager at (760) 924-1805 for assistance with document requests.**

B. PLANNING ASSISTANCE - – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact Information:

Courtney Weiche, associate planner: 760-924-1803
Gerry Le Francois, principal planner: 760-924-1810

REBUILDING

- 1) **Can someone live in a trailer or RV on their property while rebuilding a home that was damaged or destroyed by fire?**

Yes - this can be allowed through a Director Review permit process. Director Review permit applications are available on-line at <http://monocounty.ca.gov/planning/page/director-review>. Once a completed application is submitted, a permit will be issued if basic conditions can be met, such as an electrical permit is obtained for any necessary hookups and sanitation methods are approved by Environmental Health. Permits that are issued to fire victims expire 12 months from the date of issuance, but may be extended if the applicant demonstrates significant progress in the reconstruction.

2) **Can I rebuild a garage or other accessory structure or continue an accessory use prior to rebuilding my home?**

Yes - Based on a case-by-case review conducted by the Planning and Code Compliance divisions to verify circumstances. In some instances a compliance agreement may be required to ensure that the primary use will be reestablished within a reasonable time frame.

3) **Will I be restricted to a limited building season if home reconstruction is located within the Rimrock Ranch Specific Plan Area?**

No - the Rimrock Ranch Specific Plan restricts heavy construction from October 1 to May 15, except for emergency repair work. Reconstruction of damaged or destroyed homes will be included in the emergency repair work exemption.

4) **Will my house plans for reconstruction be subject to Design Review?**

Yes - with the assistance of the Wheeler Crest Design Review Committee, the review will be expedited to minimize delays in building permit processing.

NONCONFORMING STRUCTURES

5) **Can I rebuild a nonconforming structure (a structure that was lawfully built, but because of changes in the development standards, is no longer conforming)?**

Rebuilding a nonconforming use may be allowed through a Use Permit or Director Review permit process. Although it is in the homeowner's best interest to minimize the nonconformity by modifying the structure design/location to comply with current standards to the maximum extent practical, there may be instances where this is not feasible. The nature of the damaged/destroyed use will be verified and the local fire protection district and Cal Fire will be consulted. Some instances may require Cal Fire approval.

OWNERSHIP TRANSFER (fire victims who decide to sell their property before rebuilding)

6) **Is the new owner required to meet all development standards, including setbacks?**

Yes.

7) **Is the new owner eligible for fee waiving?**

No.

C. PUBLIC WORKS – ROADS – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Contacts:

Jeff Walters, Public Works Director, (760) 932-5459

Garrett Higerd, (760) 932-5457

Tony Dublino, Solid Waste/Debris (760) 932-5453

1) **Can I store materials in the county right-of-way?**

Yes - As long as the storage is temporary and does not impact the flow of traffic or other road activities. (Jeff Walters (760) 932-5459).

2) Will I need a new encroachment permit with fee?

It depends upon the project. Rebuilding structures in the county ROW that were in place prior to the burn are exempt. Inspections by county staff will still be required to ensure construction **meets county requirements**. Any additional project, within the county ROW, will require an encroachment permit application. (Jeff Walters 760 932-5459)

3) Do I need a Grading Permit to rebuild?

If a homeowner wishes to reconstruct structures in approximately the pre-fire footprint, with minor additional grading then a grading permit (and fee) will not be required. In this situation, the Green Building Code adequately addresses site erosion control Best Management Practices (BMPs) through the building permit process.

If a homeowner wishes to perform significantly more grading than they had pre-fire, a grading permit could be required. A questionnaire that explains the thresholds that trigger a grading permit must be filled out when applying for a building permit. (Garrett Higerd 760.932.5457)

4) Will the road maintenance assessment portion of my tax bill be reduced?

No. There are no provisions for Zone of Benefit reductions due to calamities. (Garrett Higerd 760.932.5457)

D. SOLID WASTE/DEBRIS

CONTACT:

Tony Dublino, Solid Waste Superintendent, (760) 932-5453/(760)616-0613

1. Can I start clearing debris from my property?

Yes - but the County is encouraging people to wait, if possible, for declaration and the resources that would come with it.

2. What are the Best Management Practices for cleaning debris?

3. See Boles Fire/Weed Operations Plan, Angora Fire Operations Plan, and related fact sheets for information which are on the website at: <https://gis.mono.ca.gov/roundfire/#/>

4. Where can I take materials for disposal/recycling?

See attached release on what is accepted at Benton Crossing Landfill.

5. If I want to wait for CalRecycle, what should I do in the meantime?

The primary concern is keeping the debris from becoming airborne dust. This can be accomplished by wetting the debris, covering it with tarps or plastic sheeting, containerizing it into a covered bin, or placing

it in bags. Whenever handling debris, be sure that all people utilize appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE's).

E. TEMPORARY HOUSING ASSISTANCE

CONTACT:

Marlo Preis, p: 760-924-1793, c: 760-616-4597

Housing is available through individuals, businesses and foundations at no-cost to those impacted by the fire. If you or your animals need temporary or long-term housing (homes, condos, apartments, and RVs), or you need a place to set up your RV, **please call us!** We provide one-on-one assistance to help you meet your needs.

F. ASSESSOR – PROPERTY TAX, ASSESSMENTS AND VALUATION

Contact:

Assessor Barry Beck, (760) 932-5510

1) Can I request a property tax reduction due to fire damage:

Yes - In 2006, the Board of Supervisors enacted Ordinance 06-04 providing property tax relief for owners who have suffered property damage due to major disaster or individual misfortune. Property owners may apply for a reassessment under this ordinance for any damage or destruction not the fault of the property owner. The written application may be filed **within 12 months** of the misfortune or calamity. To qualify for reassessment, you must meet the eligibility requirements as prescribed on the Calamity Reassessment Form which is on the Round Fire Info website. Please complete all sections and return to our office for processing.

2) Once my property has been temporarily reduced, do I still need to send in the Calamity Form?

Yes -- The Assessor's Office needs the completed application in the property file to complete the paper trail and for our next California Board of Equalization audit.

If the Assessor's Office can be of assistance in answering your questions or completing this form, please call them at (760) 932-5510 You may also fax the information to (760) 932-5511, or email a scanned copy of this application to assessor@mono.ca.gov or stop by the Bridgeport Office at: 25 Bryant Street, Annex II, Bridgeport, CA. 93517

G. CLERK'S OFFICE – VITAL RECORDS

Contact:

Bob Musil: (760) 932-5538

Shannon Kendall: (760) 932-5530

1) Who do I contact if I need copies of deeds, birth certificates, marriage certificates or death certificates ?

The County Clerk-Recorder at 760-932-5530 can assist people in getting copies of documents filed in Mono County or linking them with other sources as appropriate for documents elsewhere.

H. INSURANCE ASSISTANCE

The process of rebuilding will require property owners to work with their insurance companies. Working with your Insurance broker will help you understand your policy and what you need to facilitate the fastest method for covering the costs of rebuilding.

The County does not have subject matter expertise staff that are insurance experts nor which can advise you on your policies' details. You should contact your trusted Insurance Agent and discuss with them. It is recommended that if you have concerns about how your insurance company is responding you contact the California Department of Insurance and the California Insurance Commissioner's Officer at:

Hotline Telephone Numbers

Consumer Hotline: 1-800-927-4357 (HELP) or send us an email through the following link:

<https://interactive.web.insurance.ca.gov/contactCSD/ContactUs.jsp>

California Department of Insurance/Insurance Commissioner's Office

Headquarters Offices

300 Capitol Mall, Suite 1700

Sacramento, CA 95814

<http://www.insurance.ca.gov/01-consumers/>

The following information are consumer protection guide lines produced by a nationwide non-profit, United Policy Holders, with some safety tips. United Policyholders is a non-profit organization that is a voice and an information resource for insurance consumers in all 50 states. We have helped guide disaster survivors on the road to recovery for over twenty years. Here is a checklist to help keep you on track during this stressful time:

- *Take care of your family's needs first.*
- *Housing is a priority – talk to your insurance company about the housing expense allowance.*
- *Keep a diary of who you talked to the number you called, date and time, what was said.*
- *Keep all of your paperwork organized and together.*
- *Take photos of your property before any cleanup or debris removal.*
- *Get a complete and current copy of your insurance policy.*
- *Ask for a cash advance for Additional Living Expenses (ALE).*
- *Do not rush into signing contracts and avoid making major financial decisions in the first few weeks.*
- *Check references carefully before hiring any vendor or professional.*
- *Use the free help and resources that are available at www.uphelp.org*

Top Insurance Tips:

- *Be proactive in the claim process and keep good notes.*
- *Don't pad or exaggerate your claim.*
- *Give your insurance company a chance to do the right thing, but don't mistake a friendly representative for a friend.*
- *Document and support your claim with proof, details and estimates.*
- *Present clear requests in writing explaining what you need, when you need it, and why you're entitled to it.*
- *Think of your insurance claim as a business negotiation – you're dealing with a for-profit company.*
- *Try to resolve problems informally but complain in writing, go up the chain of command and/or use government agency help when necessary.*
- *Get specialized professional help when you need it.*
- *For more information or to request Roadmap to Recovery services in your community, please contact Emily Cabral at: emily@uphelp.org or (800) 286-5631*

I. GRIEF SUPPORT / BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

For information and help with the grieving process:

Mono County Behavioral Health: (760) 924-1740

For residents, first responders, and supporters:

Inyo County Behavioral Health: (760) 873-6533

J. PUBLIC HEALTH - ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH – WATER SYSTEMS, HAZARDOUS WASTE MATERIALS

CONTACT:

Louis Molina (760) 924-1845

Lynda Salcido (760) 221-4325

Public Health – Health concerns related to fire impacts

For information regarding septic systems or water wells, please contact Mono County Environmental Health, Mammoth Lakes office, at (760) 924-1845.

1) Can someone live in a trailer on their property while they are rebuilding a home that was destroyed by fire?

Yes - Provided that the trailer is served by the existing septic system on site or the trailer is connected to a holding tank that is pumped regularly. All applicable MCCDD requirements must also be satisfied.

2) Can a homeowner whose home was destroyed in a fire reuse the existing septic system for their new home?

Yes, but with some qualifications. First, the components of the system must be inspected by the homeowner's contractor to assure that no damage has occurred to the system components and that it is still functional. An examination of the septic tank and accessible components can be requested of Mono County Environmental Health at no charge. The tank and applicable components must be uncovered prior to this inspection. Second, an existing undamaged septic system can be reutilized for the new home as long as the new home has the same number of bedrooms as the previous home. An addition of one or more bedrooms, or a relocation of the new structure from the previous location, will require a review by Mono County Environmental Health and a new permit and permit fees may apply.

3) If my home is on a private well, do I need to have the well tested?

Testing is not required. However, because the new home will require new plumbing, the well and plumbing should be disinfected and a water sample collected and analyzed for bacteriological quality prior to re-occupancy of the permanent building.

4) If my septic system or water well is damaged and I need to construct a new one, do setbacks apply for the new septic system or water well?

Yes. However, in some instances current setbacks may not be achievable due to certain existing site constraints. If this is the case, Mono County Environmental Health will consult with the property owner to come as close to required setbacks to the greatest extent practical.

K. SUPPLIES AND DONATIONS

Standard portable toilets loaned at no-cost to affected property owners. Call for delivery. Portable hand washing units will be located throughout community.

CONTACT: Preferred Septic and Disposal, Inc. (7600 873-5699 (Amanda or Norma)

Fairgrounds, Bishop
Patio Building donation center
M-F, 10am-4pm

Operated by Salvation Army
(760) 872-2124

Those affected by the fire are encouraged to take whatever they need, including clothing, household items, toiletries, pet supplies, gift cards for local stores and restaurants, etc. Donations of gift cards are still being accepted. Other donations should be held back until the specific needs of the displaced families are known.
www.facebook.com/SalvationArmyBishop

The Cast Off, Mammoth
3059 Chateau Road
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Sat 11am-3pm
No cost goods and supplies for those affected by fire

(760) 934-4303

Second Chance Thrift Shop, Mammoth
126 Old Mammoth Road
Wed-Sun 10am-6pm

(760) 924-2474
(760) 914-1916

<http://disabledsportseasternsierra.org>

Those impacted by fire are encouraged to take what they need

June Lake Loop Women's Club Thrift Store
First floor of the June Lake Community Building, next to the Public Library
Wed & Sat 12:30-4pm
Goods and supplies for those affected by the fire

(661) 400-0922 Patti Heinrich

Salvation Army, Mammoth
Mon & Wed 2-4pm
220 Sierra Manor Rd
Food Pantry; Donations of food accepted

(760) 872-2124

St. Timothy's Attic Thrift Store, Bishop
140 Whitney Alley
Mon 12-4pm; Tues-Fri, 10am-4pm; Sat 11am - 2pm
All fire victims who can provide id may take anything they need from the store, free of charge.

(760) 873-8974