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AGENDA FOR SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Thursday, June 16, 2011 at 3:30 p.m.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM
1415 MELODY LANE, BUILDING G, BISBEE, AZ 85603**

THIS IS AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Pursuant to 38-431.02 (D) In case of an actual emergency, a meeting, including an executive session, may be held on such notice as is appropriate to the circumstances. If this subsection is utilized for conduct of an emergency session or the consideration of an emergency measure at a previously scheduled meeting the public body must post a public notice within twenty-four hours declaring that an emergency session has been held and setting forth the information required in subsections H and I of this section.

ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS OPEN FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

ROLL CALL

Members of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors will attend either in person or by telephone, video or internet conferencing.

ACTION

Board of Supervisors

1. Adopt Resolution 11-25 declaring a state of local emergency in Cochise County regarding both the Horseshoe Two Fire and the Monument Fire, and requesting that the Governor also declare a State of Emergency.

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Special Board of Supervisors Meeting

Date: 06/16/2011

Declaration of Local Emergency

Submitted By: Katie Howard, Board of Supervisors

Department: Board of Supervisors

Presentation: No A/V Presentation

Document Signatures:

NAME Dave Fifer
of PRESENTER:

Recommendation:

of ORIGINALS

Submitted for Signature:

TITLE Deputy
of PRESENTER: County
Attorney

Mandated Function?:

**Source of Mandate
or Basis for Support?:**

Agenda Item Text:

Adopt Resolution 11-25 declaring a state of local emergency in Cochise County regarding both the Horseshoe Two Fire and the Monument Fire, and requesting that the Governor also declare a State of Emergency.

Background:

WHEREAS, A.R.S. § 26-311 authorizes the Board of Supervisors, Cochise County, Arizona, to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when Cochise County is affected or likely to be affected by a disaster that places people or property in peril; and

WHEREAS, two large wildfires are blazing in Cochise County. The first broke out in the Chiricahua Mountains in the Coronado National Forest on 8 May 2011 and is called the "Horseshoe Two Fire" and a second fire began on 12 June 2011 in the Coronado National Memorial / Coronado National Forest and is called the "Monument Fire"; and

WHEREAS, the Cochise County Board of Supervisors previously declared a State of Local Emergency for the Horseshoe Two fire in Resolution 11-23 dated 7 June 2011; and

WHEREAS, over 65 structures including 40 homes have been lost or damaged as a result of the fires; and

WHEREAS, the fires continue burning uncontrolled at this time, and are currently threatening additional homes, businesses and public infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, County resources, equipment and personnel have been deployed, including sheriff's deputies, road crews and equipment including water tankers and motor graders to assist with evacuations, security and fire fighting activities; and

WHEREAS, federal and state fire suppression resources have responded and are currently working to suppress the fire; and

WHEREAS, Arizona State Department of Forestry have received Fire Management Assistance Grants from FEMA for the Horseshoe 2 Fire and for the Monument Fire. These federal assistance grants will support the reimbursement of costs associated with suppression of the fires being directed by the Incident Management Teams; and

WHEREAS, additional state support for emergency protective measures and response efforts currently being conducted by the county are of a demonstrated need at this time.

NOW THEREFORE, the Cochise County Board of Supervisors hereby declares a State of Local Emergency regarding both the Horseshoe Two Fire and the Monument Fire; and the Cochise County Board of Supervisors hereby request that the Governor also declare a State of Emergency to support the citizens impacted by these fires.

Department's Next Steps (if approved):

Record and distribute Resolution.

Impact of NOT Approving/Alternatives:

Cochise County will not have a Declaration of local emergency for the two ongoing fires.

To BOS Staff: Document Disposition/Follow-Up:

Record and distribute Resolution.

Attachments

Fires_Local Emergency Declaration

COCHISE COUNTY RESOLUTION 11-25

A RESOLUTION DECLARING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY IN COCHISE COUNTY REGARDING BOTH THE HORSESHOE TWO FIRE AND THE MONUMENT FIRE, AND REQUESTING THAT THE GOVERNOR ALSO DECLARE A STATE OF EMERGENCY

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PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Cochise County Board of Supervisors this 16th day of June, 2011.

COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By: _____
Patrick G. Call, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Katie Howard, Clerk of the Board

Approved as to Form:

David C. Fifer, Civil Deputy County Attorney