

**DECLARATION OF A LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY BY THE YOLO COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER  
(OAKDALE FIRE)**

**WHEREAS**, on July 1, 2025, a series of explosions and fires occurred at a fireworks facility located at 26450 and 26454 County Road 23 (the “Site”) near the town of Esparto in the unincorporated area of Yolo County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Incident is known and referred to as the “Oakdale Fire;” and

**WHEREAS**, the Oakdale Fire affected, damaged, or destroyed buildings, crops, and other private and public property and infrastructure within about 0.5 miles of the Site;

**WHEREAS**, fireworks are known to contain hazardous materials, including but not limited to heavy metals and oxidizing agents; and

**WHEREAS**, ash, dust, and debris from the Oakdale Fire may present a hazard to humans, wildlife, and agricultural commodities due to potential impacts on air, soil, and water quality in the vicinity of the Site; and

**WHEREAS**, California Health and Safety Code Section 101080 states that “[w]henver a release, spill, or entry to waste occurs” and the “local health officer reasonably determines that the waste is a hazardous waste or medical waste” and the “local health officer reasonably determines that the release or escape is an immediate threat to the public health,” then the “health officer may declare a local health emergency in the jurisdiction or any area thereof affected by the threat to the public health;” and

**WHEREAS**, California Health and Safety Code Section 101085 indicates that after the declaration of a local health emergency, the local health officer may “require any person or organization that the...local health officer shall specify to furnish any information known relating to the properties, reactions, and identity of the material that has been released, spilled, or escaped,” and “may sample, analyze, or otherwise determine the identifying and other technical information relating to the...local health emergency as necessary to respond to or abate the local health emergency and protect the public health;” and

**WHEREAS**, the testing of air, water, soil, and crops and the subsequent abatement of hazardous conditions on properties affected by the Oakdale Fire is expected to exceed the resources of the County to address; and

**WHEREAS**, California Health and Safety Code Section 101085 indicates that “State agencies may provide mutual aid, including personnel, equipment, and other available resources to assist political subdivisions during a local health emergency;” and

**WHEREAS**, this declaration will facilitate a more effective response to the Oakdale Fire by enabling, among other things, access to mutual aid (including potential state and federal agency support with testing and remediation) and potential funding or reimbursement opportunities for the County and affected property owners;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND DECLARED** by the Health Officer of the County of Yolo on this 11th day of August 2025 that there is an immediate threat to the public health due to the Oakdale Fire, including but not limited to the potential hazards described herein; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND DECLARED** that the condition of local health emergency exists at the Site; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND DECLARED** that to the extent dangerous levels of hazardous materials, heavy metals, or toxic substances are found or reasonably suspected (for example, based on proximity to known contamination) to exist on other properties near the Site through additional testing and other investigations, the local health emergency shall extend to those areas; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the local health emergency shall not remain in effect for more than seven days unless ratified by the Board of Supervisors, and the Board of Supervisors shall review, at least every 30 days until the local health emergency is terminated, the need for continuing the local health emergency and shall proclaim the termination of the local health emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant the termination.



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