

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



ITEM
3.13
(ID # 10801)

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

FROM : ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND PUBLIC HEALTH :

SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND PUBLIC HEALTH: Terminate Resolution Nos. 2019-109 and 2019-219 of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside which Declared a Local Health Emergency Regarding the Existence of a Heavy Petroleum Substance Leaking from an Earthen Wall of a Creek Bed in the Unincorporated Area of Lake Elsinore, District 1. [\$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt resolution No. 2019-206 terminating the Local Health Emergency declared on May 3, 2019 due to the existence of a heavy petroleum substance leaking from an earthen wall of a creek bed in the Unincorporated area of Lake Elsinore.

ACTION: Policy

Keith Jones, Director Environmental Health 8/28/2019

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Hewitt, seconded by Supervisor Perez and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: September 17, 2019
xc: Env. Health

Kecia R. Harper
Clerk of the Board
By:
Deputy

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
NET COUNTY COST	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A			Budget Adjustment:	N/A
			For Fiscal Year:	19/20

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The Department of Environmental Health and other County departments were made aware of an unknown substance oozing from a private property into an adjacent creek bed in the unincorporated area of Lake Elsinore. The ensuing investigation determined that the viscous dark substance is petroleum-based. Contact referrals were made with State and Federal partner agencies. The California Fish & Wildlife agency conducted initial containment measures in the area. Additional discussions suggested that clean-up funded and performed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) and/or California Department of Fish and Wildlife would be the most cost effective and expedient way to ensure public health and safety is protected. On May 7th, 2019 in Resolution No. 2019-109 (agenda item 3.33), the Board of Supervisors ratified and extended the Public Health Officer's declaration of a Local Health Emergency, and on June 4th, 2019 in Resolution No. 2019-219 (agenda item 3.11), the Board of Supervisors extended that declaration. Clean-up has now been completed by US EPA and the petroleum-based substance has been removed. The situation has been reviewed by the Public Health Officer who finds the previous threat to public health has been mitigated. Termination of the previously issued declaration is now required.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

The clean-up by the US EPA ensured that public health is protected and that the environmental impact is minimized, both in the immediate area and in the area downstream of the oozing contamination. Clean-up is now complete and all conditions causing the Local Health Emergency for residents and businesses have been mitigated.

Attachment

Resolution 2019-206


Jason Farin, Senior Management Analyst

9/10/2019


Gregory H. Priamos, Director County Counsel

8/28/2019

2 RESOLUTION NO. 2019-206

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4 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

5 PROCLAIMING THE TERMINATION OF THE LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY

6 REGARDING THE RELEASE OF A HEAVY PETROLEUM SUBSTANCE LEAKING FROM

7 AN EARTHEN WALL OF A CREEK BED IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA

8 OF LAKE ELSINORE

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10 **WHEREAS**, California Health and Safety Code section 101080 requires that the Board
11 of Supervisors of the County of Riverside review, at least every thirty (30) days until such Local
12 Health Emergency is terminated, the need for continuing the Local Emergency; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside has reviewed the
14 emergency conditions necessitating the Public Health Officer's Declaration of a Local Health
15 Emergency on May 3, 2019 followed by the Board's actions of May 7 and June 4, 2019, and
16 find that the conditions warrant the termination of the Local Health Emergency;

17 Now, therefore,

18 **IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** by the Board of Supervisors of the
19 County of Riverside that said Local Health Emergency is hereby terminated.

20 ROLL CALL:

21 Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt
22 Nays: None
23 Absent: None

24 The foregoing is certified to be a true copy of a resolution duly
25 adopted by said Board of Supervisors on the date therein set forth.

26 Kecia R. Harper, Clerk of said Board

27 By  Deputy

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY:  8/28/2019
DATE
GREGORY R. PRAMOS