



**AGENDA ITEM  
AGENDA STAFF REPORT**

**MEETING DATE:** 11.13.2023  
**LEGAL ENTITY TAKING ACTION:** Board of Supervisors  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT(S):** All Districts  
**SUBMITTING AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** Chief Executive Officer  
**DEPARTMENT HEAD REVIEW:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**SUBJECT:** Adopt Resolution Ratifying Proclamation of Local Emergency for the Tustin Hangar Fire

<b>CEO CONCUR</b>	<b>COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW</b>	<b>CLERK OF THE BOARD</b>
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<i>CEO Signature</i>	<i>County Counsel Signature</i>	3 Votes Board Majority

<b>Budgeted:</b> No	<b>Current Year Cost:</b> See Financial Impact Section	<b>Annual Cost:</b> N/A
<b>Staffing Impact:</b> N/A	<b># of Positions:</b>	<b>Sole Source:</b>
<b>Current Fiscal Year Revenue:</b> N/A		
<b>Funding Source:</b> See Financial Impact Section		<b>County Audit in last 3 years</b> No
<b>Prior Board Action:</b> N/A		

**RECOMMENDED ACTION(S)**

Adopt Resolution ratifying the Proclamation of Local Emergency for the Tustin Hangar Fire, signed by the Chair of the Board of Supervisors Acting as the Chair of the Emergency Management Council.

**SUMMARY:**

Adopting the Resolution to ratify the proclamation will allow the County to respond to and recover from the Tustin Hangar Fire as well as obtain necessary resources to support local community needs.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

On Tuesday, November 7, 2023, a fire erupted on the decommissioned Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Tustin in the North Hangar, a wooden structure, originally constructed in the 1940s and designated as a Historical Landmark. The Department of the Navy is the responsible owner of the site, including the North Hangar, but does not maintain firefighting or other equipment due to the decommissioned status of the Base.

Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) was dispatched to the former MCAS Tustin to respond to the rapidly progressing fire that ultimately destroyed the historic structure.

South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) conducted preliminary air quality samples which showed elevated levels of chemicals of potential public health concerns. The California Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Environmental Protection Agency has been in communication with the response efforts, as well.

It is anticipated that immediate and long-term environmental testing and remediation may be needed to protect the health and safety of the public.

The Orange County Emergency Operations Center was activated to a Level 3 (low) with the Chief Executive Officer serving as the Director of Emergency Services to support local response operations, including operating a live hotline to assist impacted community members.

On November 9, 2023, Supervisor Donald Wagner, the Chair of the Emergency Management Council and Chair of the Board of Supervisors, proclaimed the existence of a local emergency in County. Pursuant to Government Code Section 8630 and Section 3-1-6(a) of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Orange, this Proclamation of Local Emergency is presented to the Board of Supervisors (Board) for ratification.

As additional information becomes available, the Board will be updated and kept apprised of this process.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Emergency response and initial damage reports from the Operational Area are in progress. County agencies are accumulating costs of response efforts related to the fire and will work to recover these costs from federal, state, or other sources as available and allocable.

**STAFFING IMPACT:**

N/A

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

Attachment A - Proclamation of Local Emergency for the Tustin Hangar Fire

Attachment B - Government Code Section 8630 and Section 3-1-6(a) of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Orange

Attachment C - Draft Resolution