

Meeks Bay Fire Protection District



RESOLUTION

of the Board of Directors

No: 2021-05

**A RESOLUTION OF MEEKS BAY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO
RESPOND TO THE CALDOR FIRE AND ANY OTHER POTENTIAL FIRES
DURING THE 2021-2022 FIRE SEASON**

WHEREAS, on August 14, 2021, the Caldor Fire started burning in California's El Dorado County and has grown exponentially in size, having burned over 191,000 acres, destroying over 600 structures, closing numerous transportation routes, and threatening the lives, property, and safety of residents and visitors in the impacted areas; and

WHEREAS, on August 17, 2021, Governor Newsom declared a state of emergency for El Dorado County as a result of the Caldor Fire; and

WHEREAS, the Caldor Fire is now approaching the Lake Tahoe Basin and poses a threat to South Lake Tahoe and its surrounding communities, as well as the north and west shores of Lake Tahoe; and

WHEREAS, the residents and visitors of South Lake Tahoe, and its surrounding communities, as well as the west shore of Lake Tahoe from the El Dorado County line south, are under evacuation orders; and

WHEREAS, the above-described conditions and fire activity severely impairs are a threat to public health and safety and prompt action by Meeks Bay Fire Protection District (District) Board of Directors is necessary due to the threatened the disruption of public facilities of the north and west shores of Lake Tahoe and create conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the District's service area, which are, or are likely to be, beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of the District; and

WHEREAS, wildfires in California continue to become larger, faster and more destructive; and

WHEREAS, California continues to experience extreme drought conditions during the 2021-2022 fire season, and the forests are experiencing 100-year buildup of dry brush and dead trees, making this fire season one of the most dangerous ever; and

WHEREAS, the risks of wildfires, in addition to the Caldor Fire, in and near the Lake Tahoe basin in north and west shore areas of Lake Tahoe are greater than ever; and

WHEREAS, the District is engaged in the fire protection and emergency medical services to protect the public; and

WHEREAS, the District's fire protection and emergency medical services are essential to the health and safety of the north and west shores of Lake Tahoe community; and

WHEREAS, the conditions of the Caldor Fire and threat of additional wildfire in and near the District's boundaries warrant and necessitate that the District proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a Local Emergency in order to utilize all resources necessary to respond to the impacts of the Local Emergency; and

WHEREAS, immediate action is required to respond to the Local Emergency including action to procure equipment, services and supplies, maintain the health and safety of District employees, minimize the impact of the fire(s) in the community, and provide critical fire protection and emergency medical services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That this Resolution of the Local Emergency invokes in the District's service area all of the powers and mechanisms set forth in California laws, statutes, rules and regulations and the District's Administrative Code to be used by authorized personnel of the District to respond to the Local Emergency; and
2. The Fire Chief (or his designee) of the District is authorized and directed to take any action necessary and appropriate to respond to the Local Emergency including the procurement of any necessary equipment, services and supplies, waiving the requirement in the Purchasing policy (#233) as necessary; and
3. The Fire Chief (or his designee) is authorized to approve expenditures to procure equipment, services and supplies necessary to respond to the Local Emergency, maintain the health and safety of District employees, and minimize the impact of the fire(s) in the community; and
4. This Resolution of the Local Emergency shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect until terminated by the Board of Directors.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MEEKS BAY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD, HELD ON THE 31st DAY OF August, 2021 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE OF SAID BOARD:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

PRESIDENT, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BY: Edward I Miller

I CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A CORRECT COPY OF A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY SAID BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON THE DATE THEREIN SET FORTH.

CLERK OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BY: Shawn R. Crawford