



## COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

C-3

For the meeting of: October 3, 2017

Date: September 8, 2017  
To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Supervisor Virginia Bass  
Subject: Continuation of Emergency: Existence of a Local Health Emergency Caused by Air Quality Impacts Due to Smoke from Wildfires that Began on July 25, 2017.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):** That the Board of Supervisors declare that a local health emergency caused by air quality impacts due to smoke from wildfires that began on July 25, 2017, remains in effect until October 17, 2017.

**SOURCE OF FUNDING:** N/A

**DISCUSSION:** Ordinance # 2447 of the County of Humboldt empowers the Public Health Officer to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local health emergency in the county.

As conditions of significant risk to the health and safety of persons have arisen within the county, caused by air quality impacts due to smoke from multiple wildfires that began on July 25, 2017, Dr. Baird, Public Health Officer for the County of Humboldt proclaimed the existence of a local health emergency on August 31, 2017, per the attached Resolution.

The Board of Supervisors ratified the resolution proclaiming a local health emergency (per Ordinance #2447) on September 5, 2017. During the Board Meeting of September 19, 2017, the Board voted to extend the declaration of a local health emergency. Dr. Baird, Public Health Officer has determined that the local emergency caused by air quality impacts due to smoke from wildfires still exists and that the resolution should remain in effect for an additional fourteen (14) days, until October 17, 2017.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** N/A

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:** N/A

Prepared by Kathy Hayes

Signature *Virginia Bass*

REVIEW:

Auditor \_\_\_\_\_ County Counsel \_\_\_\_\_ Personnel \_\_\_\_\_ Risk Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF ITEM:

☒ XX Consent  
☐ Departmental  
☐ Public Hearing  
☐ Other

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting of: \_\_\_\_\_

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

Upon motion of Supervisor *Fennell* Seconded by Supervisor *Wilson*

Ayes *Fennell, Wilson, Sundberg, Bass, Bohn*  
Nays \_\_\_\_\_  
Abstain \_\_\_\_\_  
Absent \_\_\_\_\_

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: *October 3, 2017*

By: *Kathy Hayes*  
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution Proclaiming the Existence of a Local Emergency

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2447 of the County of Humboldt empowers the Public Health Officer to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a Local Health Emergency in the county or any area thereof, subject to ratification by the Board of Supervisors within seven days; and

WHEREAS, conditions of significant risk to the health and safety of persons have arisen within this county, caused by air quality impacts due to smoke from multiple wildfires that began July 25, 2017, with severe sustained smoke impacts commencing on or about August 21, 2017, as documented by the North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District [NCUAQMD]; and


WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt is not in session (and cannot immediately be called into session);

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a Local Health Emergency now exists throughout said county; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said Local Health Emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of this county shall be prescribed by state law, by (charter) ordinances, and resolutions of this county, and by the County of Humboldt Emergency Operations plan, as approved by the Board of Supervisors on 7 April 2015, until its termination is proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt, State of California.

Dated: 31 Aug 2017

By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Dr Donald Baird  
Public Health Officer  
County of Humboldt