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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Adoption of a Resolution Continuing the State of Local Emergency Due to Drought Conditions

RECOMMENDATION

Acting County Executive Officer, acting as the Director of Emergency Services, requests adoption of a Resolution continuing the State of Local Emergency due to drought conditions that are occurring in Napa County.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On March 8, 2022, the Board of Supervisors proclaimed a State of Local Emergency due to drought conditions in Napa County, pursuant to Resolution No. 2022-29. Government Code section 8630(c) requires local agencies to revisit proclamations of local emergency at least once every 60 days until the local emergency is terminated.

If adopted by the Board, the proposed Resolution will continue the State of Local Emergency due to drought conditions in Napa County, and extend the emergency powers of County officials as set forth in Resolution No. 2022-29.

FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	No
Where is it budgeted?	If costs are incurred as a result of the drought staff will return to the Board with any appropriation increases.
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	Ongoing drought conditions and related emergency response actions may result in future fiscal impacts to the County. Drought cycles historically last for several years.
Consequences if not approved:	If the resolution is not adopted the County may not be eligible for emergency response funding from the State.
County Strategic Plan pillar addressed:	Healthy, Safe, and Welcoming Place to Live, Work, and Visit

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Napa County, as well as California as a whole, is in the second consecutive year of extremely dry conditions due to historically low rainfall totals, with the region looking at 37% to 40% of average for the water year. The U.S. Drought Monitor data from the National Drought Mitigation Center currently classifies Napa County at the “D2-Severe Drought” level.

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Continuing the State of Local Emergency maintains the County’s eligibility to receive mutual aid and other resources from the State or other local agencies. The State of Local Emergency covers the entire Napa County Operational Area, including all municipalities and special districts. Under California’s Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS), the County will serve as the lead agency for mutual aid and coordination with these jurisdictions and the State through the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services. With this continuing proclamation, additional coordination at the Operational Area level will occur to help identify what actions and resources are needed to address broad community impacts, particularly to local agriculture.