

PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY BY THE NAPA COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER

WHEREAS, California Health and Safety Code, Division 101, Part 3, Chapter 2, Article 2, Sections 101075 through 101095, confer upon local health officers of the political subdivisions of the State of California, emergency powers necessary to protect public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, Section 101080 of the California Health and Safety Code provides that the local health officer may declare a local emergency in the jurisdiction or any area affected by the threat to the public health; and

WHEREAS, Section 101080 of the California Health and Safety Code empowers the local health officer to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local health emergency when the local health officer reasonably determines that the waste is hazardous waste or medical waste, or that it may become hazardous waste or medical waste, subject to ratification by the Board of Supervisors within seven days and reaffirmation every fourteen days thereafter until such health emergency is terminated; and

WHEREAS, the Napa County Health Officer hereby finds, as follows:

1. On July 28, 2018, Edmund G. Brown, Jr., Governor of the State of California, proclaimed a State of Emergency in several counties, including in Napa County due to the Steele Fire; and
2. On August 7, 2018, the Napa County Assistant Executive Officer proclaimed the existence of a local emergency due to the Steele Fire that began burning in Napa County on July 28, 2018, and found that a condition of peril to life and property now exists in the area including and around the Steele Fire in the Berryessa Highlands; and
3. Conditions of the Steele Fire beginning on July 28, 2018, have created debris which may be or which may become hazardous waste and a threat to public health; and
4. The threat to public health creates the immediate need to facilitate assistance and undertake preventive measures to protect the health of people and the environment and to inform the affected public of any potential health issues associated with the hazardous waste created by the Steele Fire, thereby necessitating the proclamation of the existence of a local health emergency; and
5. Regardless of cause, any domestic structure fires which have occurred in Napa County from the Steele Fire significantly contributes to the hazardous material load; and
6. Assistance to private property owners and to others within Napa County is needed for timely implementation of necessary preventive measures to protect public health, the water supply, and the environment; and

7. The scope and breadth of the Steele Fire, including but not limited to the residential structures that have been decimated creates an imminent threat to public health, and the presence of apparent hazardous waste and materials require a rapid response to be safely removed from the sites of burned structures; and

8. Children are particularly vulnerable to the presence of such dangerous materials and hazardous waste, and the risk to children becomes more immediate as families are returned to their properties; and

9. Immediate action is necessary to remove hazardous waste, including but not limited to toxic, flammable, corrosive, and reactive materials from property sites in the area including and around the Steele Fire in the Berryessa Highlands.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE NAPA COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER DECLARES AND PROCLAIMS, as follows:

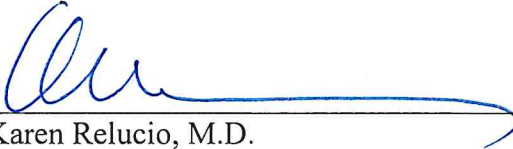
1. A local health emergency exists in the area including and around the Steele Fire in the Berryessa Highlands in Napa County due to the hazardous waste and materials created by the Steele Fire, and that such condition will continue until the conclusion of this local health emergency.

2. During the existence of said local health emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the Napa County Health Officer shall be those prescribed by state law, including the provisions of Section 101085 of the California Health and Safety Code, and any ordinances and resolutions approved by the Napa County Board of Supervisors.

3. In connection with the foregoing proclamation and order of local health emergency, the Napa County Health Officer orders that immediate action be taken to remove hazardous waste and materials from property sites in the area including and around the Steele Fire in the Berryessa Highlands that are toxic, flammable, corrosive, or reactive and create an imminent threat to public health and safety.

4. This proclamation of local health emergency shall be reviewed by the Napa County Board of Supervisors within seven days and if not confirmed and ratified by the Board of Supervisors it shall expire on the seventh day, or such earlier date as specified by the Board of Supervisors.

Date: August 9, 2018


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