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AGENDA

Board of Supervisors Room - County Administrative Center
224 North Edwards, Independence, California

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SPECIAL MEETING

**July 28, 2026
1:00 P.M.**

1) Approval of Emergency Declaration Related to the Rock Fire and Cinder Complex Fires

County Administrator - Emergency Services | David Fraser
10 minutes

Recommended Action:

Approve Resolution No. 2026-28, titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Proclaiming the Existence of a Local Emergency Resulting from the Rock Fire and Cinder Complex Fires," and authorize the Chairperson to sign.



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AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

July 28, 2026

Reference ID:
2026-588

Approval of Emergency Declaration Related to the Rock Fire and Cinder Complex Fires

County Administrator - Emergency Services

ACTION REQUIRED

ITEM SUBMITTED BY

Meaghan McCamman, Deputy County Administrator

ITEM PRESENTED BY

David Fraser, County Administrator

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve Resolution No. 2026-28, titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Proclaiming the Existence of a Local Emergency Resulting from the Rock Fire and Cinder Complex Fires," and authorize the Chairperson to sign.

BACKGROUND / SUMMARY / JUSTIFICATION:

On July 20, 2026, the Rock Fire ignited, threatening life, property, natural resources, and critical infrastructure throughout Inyo County. On July 24, 2026, subsequent lightning activity ignited additional fires, which grew into the Cinder Complex, significantly intensifying wildfire impacts across the region.

These fires have resulted in widespread disruption, including multiple road closures—at times fully closing Highway 395—restricting the movement of residents, visitors, and emergency personnel. Evacuation orders and warnings have been issued as necessary to protect public safety.

The County, in coordination with partner agencies, opened emergency shelters and arranged hotel accommodations for evacuees from July 20 through July 27. Fire activity, dense smoke, and dangerous access conditions continue to threaten public and private infrastructure, while also limiting the ability of County crews to assess roadway damage and transportation impacts.

The conditions created by both the Rock Fire and Cinder Complex constitute an emergency that has exceeded the capacity of County services, personnel, equipment, and facilities. Proclaiming a local emergency enables Inyo County to mobilize resources, activate emergency plans, expedite procurement, seek mutual aid, and request emergency assistance from the State of California.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This proclamation will potentially allow the County to request financial assistance from the state if necessary and if the fire damages are eligible for state assistance. Financial impacts are unknown at this time.

ALTERNATIVES AND/OR CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The Board may choose not to adopt the proclamation; however, doing so would potentially prevent the County from being able to access state-level emergency assistance should that prove necessary for recovery.

OTHER DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

CalOES, CalFire, local volunteer fire departments, and other fire resources from around the state.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

High-Quality Services | Public Safety and Emergency Response

APPROVALS:

Darcy Israel	Created/Initiated - 07/27/2026
Darcy Israel	Approved - 07/27/2026
John Vallejo	Approved - 07/27/2026
David Fraser	Final Approval - 07/27/2026

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Rock Fire Disaster Declaration

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-28

**A RESOLUTION OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF INYO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY RESULTING
FROM THE ROCK FIRE AND CINDER COMPLEX FIRES**

WHEREAS, on Monday, July 20, 2026, the Rock Fire began, threatening life, property, infrastructure, and natural resources within the County of Inyo; and

WHEREAS, on Friday afternoon, July 24, 2026, a lightning event ignited additional fires which merged into the Cinder Complex, further compounding impacts on the region and straining local response resources; and

WHEREAS, the Rock Fire and Cinder Complex have generated significant wildfire activity, resulting in numerous road closures throughout the county. Highway 395 has been fully closed at times due to fire conditions, restricting movement for residents, visitors, and emergency personnel. These impacts to roads and critical infrastructure necessitated the issuance of evacuation orders and warnings to protect public safety; and

WHEREAS, the County of Inyo opened emergency evacuation facilities and arranged hotel accommodations for evacuees from Monday, July 20 through Monday, July 27, 2026; and

WHEREAS, ongoing fire behavior, smoke conditions, and operational requirements continue to pose imminent threats to vital infrastructure, public and private property, and the safety and well-being of residents throughout Inyo County; and

WHEREAS, assessment of damage to County roads and access routes remains significantly hindered due to hazardous wildfire conditions. Active fire zones, smoke, and blocked roadways limit safe entry for evaluation crews, delaying the ability to determine impacts to transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, conditions resulting from these fires constitute extreme peril to persons and property within the County of Inyo, and exceed the capacity of County services, personnel, equipment, and facilities; and

WHEREAS, proclamation of a local emergency within 10 days of the start of the emergency enables the County to mobilize and allocate resources, activate emergency plans, expedite procurement, seek mutual aid, and request assistance from the State of California;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED as follows:

Section 1: The Inyo County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the existence of a Local Emergency in Inyo County due to the conditions described above.

Section 2: The Inyo County Board of Supervisors directs that this emergency proclamation be forwarded to the Director of the Governor's Office

of Emergency Services and to the Governor of the State of California.

Section 3: The Inyo County Board of Supervisors shall review the need for continuing the Local Emergency at least every 60 days and, if appropriate, take action to terminate the Local Emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant, pursuant to California Government Code Section 8630(c).

APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this XX day of July, 2026, by the Inyo County Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Chair, Board of Supervisors
County of Inyo

Attest: David Fraser
Clerk of the Board

By: _____
Darcy Israel, Assistant Clerk