

PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY

BY THE LAKE COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER

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3 WHEREAS, the California Health and Safety Code, Division 101, Part 3, Chapter 2
4 commencing with Section 101075 confers upon Local Health Officers of the political subdivision of
5 this state emergency powers necessary to protect public health and safety; and

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

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

15 WHEREAS, exposure to hazardous substances may lead to acute and chronic health
16 effects and may cause long-term public health and environmental impacts; uncontrolled
17 hazardous substances and debris pose significant threats to public health through inhalation of
18 dust particles and contamination of drinking water supplies; and improper handling can expose
19 workers to toxic materials, and improper transport and disposal of fire debris can spread
20 hazardous substances throughout the community; and

21 WHEREAS, areas that have been closed to reentry by residents and the public for safety
22 reasons will be opened in the near future; and

23 WHEREAS, fire, smoke, and extreme heat is causing risk to the public's health,
24 especially vulnerable people, who have medical conditions (such as asthma, COPD, cardiac
25 disease), are elderly/frail, and those who are homeless and do not have indoor shelter; and

26 WHEREAS, evacuations and further displacement of people, including those with special
27 needs will increase the surge in the use of healthcare for our two small hospitals with open bed
28 capacity of only 2-3 currently; and

WHEREAS, hazardous air quality from smoke, disruption of serpentine soils, and mercury
mines create exposure to harmful toxins and particulates; and

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2018, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a
State of Emergency existed in Lake County; and

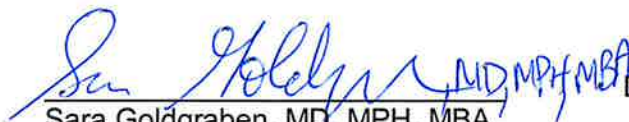
WHEREAS, the Lake County Health Officer does hereby find:

1. That conditions resulting from the Pawnee Fire in Lake County, which began on June 23, 2018 have created and are continuing to create debris which may be or which may become hazardous waste and a threat to public health; and
2. That 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 debris created by the Pawnee Fire, thereby necessitating the proclamation of the existence of a local health emergency.
3. That assistance to private property owners and to the County is needed for timely implementation of necessary preventive measures to protect public health and the environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, A LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY IS HEREBY DECLARED in Lake County in those areas of the county affected by the Pawnee Fire and concurrent fires.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the Local Health Officer shall be those prescribed by state law, including the provisions of Section 101085 of the California Health and Safety Code, and by any ordinances and resolutions of the County approved by the Board of Supervisors.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that immediate action may be taken to remove hazardous wastes that are toxic, flammable, corrosive or reactive from developed property sites that have been destroyed or severely damaged by the Pawnee Fire because of the imminent and substantial threat such wastes pose to public health and safety.


Sara Goldgraben, MD, MPH, MBA Dated: 6/26/18
Health Officer

1 Confirmed this 26th day of June 2018 by the Lake County Board of
Supervisors.

2 **AYES:** Supervisors Simon, Smith, Scott, Brown and Steele

3 **NOES:** None

4 **ABSENT OR NOT VOTING:** None

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8 **ATTEST: CAROL J. HUCHINGSON**
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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10 By:  _____

11 Deputy

COUNTY OF LAKE



Chair, Board of Supervisors

12 **APPROVED AS TO FORM:**
13 ANITA L. GRANT
County Counsel

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15 By:  _____

16 Deputy

