

RESOLUTION 08-03-2026-A

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF SONORA RATIFYING A PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF SONORA DUE TO EXISTING AND ANTICIPATED DAMAGES RELATED TO THE DOVE FIRE

WHEREAS, California Government Code section §8630 and in accordance with Chapter 2.28.050 of the Sonora Municipal Code and Ordinance No. 905, which empowers the City Administrator as the Director of Emergency Services of the City of Sonora to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when Sonora is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the City Council is not in session; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services of the City of Sonora does hereby find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the City, caused by the Dove Fire which ignited July 26, 2026; and

WHEREAS, The Dove fire has consumed over 225 acres; and

WHEREAS, these conditions are beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City of Sonora; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Sonora were not currently in session; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code section §8630(b) requires the City Council to ratify said declaration within seven days; and

WHEREAS, this Proclamation is intended to preserve emergency authorities, facilitate emergency response, support requests for state and federal assistance, and protect life and property; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the City Council does hereby ratify the Emergency Services Director's proclamation attached hereto, and find that the aforesaid conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the proclamation of local emergency in the City of Sonora and imminent threat of disaster as the result of existing and anticipated damages from the Dove Fire.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the Director of Emergency Services and the emergency organization of the City shall be those prescribed by state law, and by ordinance and resolutions of the City of Sonora approved by the City Council, and by the City of Sonora Emergency Operations Plan, as approved by the City Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Sonora also requests the Governor of the State of California Proclaim a State of Emergency and authorize financial assistance under the California Disaster Assistance Act or any other state funding and waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts. Furthermore, the City Council requests assistance via the State of California to expedite access to federal resources and any other appropriate federal disaster relief programs (e.g., USDA Funding, etc.).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the City Council of the City of Sonora, State of California.

PASSED AND ADOPTED as a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Sonora, California, at a special meeting of said City Council held on August 03, 2026, by the following votes:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

Signed and Dated:

Ann Segerstrom, Mayor, City of Sonora

ATTEST: _____
Nicole McCutchen, City of Sonora, City Clerk

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