



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

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DATE: August 03, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Chris Gorsky, City Administrator

SUBJECT: Consider Adoption of Resolution 08-03-2026-A Ratifying the Director of Emergency Services' Proclamation of a Local Emergency Pursuant to Government Code Section 8630.

RECOMMENDATION:

Consider Adoption of Resolution 08-03-2026-A Ratifying the Director of Emergency Services' July 27, 2026, Proclamation of Local Emergency due to the Dove Fire and Authorize the Continuation of all Appropriate Emergency Response and Recovery Activities.

BACKGROUND:

California Government Code Section 8630 and in accordance with Chapter 2.28.050 of the Sonora Municipal Code and Ordinance No. 905 empower the City Administrator acting as the Director of Emergency Services for the City of Sonora to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property exist or are threatened within the City, and the Sonora City Council are not in session. Government Code section 8630(b) requires the City Council to ratify the proclamation within seven days.

On July 26, 2026, The City of Sonora experienced conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property from the Dove Fire and caused power outages, significant displacement of citizens through evacuation, road closures, and the impact and damages to the City of Sonora which may exceed available local resources, all of which warrant and necessitate the proclamation of a Local Emergency.

On July 27, 2026, the City of Sonora's Director of Emergency Services declared a local emergency, which now requires the City Council to ratify and approve a Resolution Proclaiming a Local State of Emergency. Such ratification will: (1) preserve emergency authorities; (2) facilitate requests for state assistance; and (3) support eligibility for disaster reimbursement where applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Immediate fiscal impacts are unknown but may be significant. Ratification supports the City's ability to seek state and federal disaster assistance and reimbursement for eligible emergency response and recovery costs.



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ATTACHMENTS:

- Proclamation of a Local State of Emergency
- Resolution No. 08-03-2026-A

CORE COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

Fiscal Responsibility and Stability, Infrastructure and Engineering, Public Safety and Disaster Preparedness, Economic Development/Growth and General Plan, Homelessness Issues, Staffing - Salary, Benefits, Training, and Retention