

SUBJECT: REVIEW OF LOCAL EMERGENCY STATUS – DECEMBER 26, 2013

SOURCE: Administration



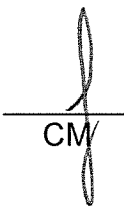
COMMENT: In its adoption of the Resolution of Local Emergency on December 26, 2013, the City Council declared the existence of a local emergency as a result of a significant fire event that occurred at the Porterville Hotel (14 N. Main Street) during the early morning hours of December 26, 2013, and found that the remaining damaged structure posed a serious threat to the health, safety and welfare of the public and as such required immediate safety mitigation of the structure. In accordance with the Resolution and per the Council's authorization, a Contractor (Bowen Engineering & Environmental) was secured to perform the emergency demolition of the burned structure sufficient to mitigate the immediate threat to public safety.

Due to the damaged structure's proximity to public right-of-way, the adjacent roadways and intersection of Main Street and Olive Avenue were closed to the public. With the demolition and mitigation of the threat to public safety, the intersection and roadways were opened to the public by approximately 6:00 PM on December 26, 2013. City staff continued its coordination with the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District and the Contractor on additional mitigation measures to protect the safety of the public, and minor additional demolition work subsequently occurred in an effort to open affected pedestrian walkways.

The property owner has continued his coordination with his insurance company toward the removal of the existing debris, as well as paying the costs of mitigation from December 26, 2013. The property owner solicited bids from qualified contractors, with his selection of local firm Valley Cleaning & Restoration, Inc. (VCR) as the lowest bidding contractor. VCR began the debris removal on Monday, May 5, 2014, with the removal of debris certified as complete on July 3, 2014. Accordingly, the local emergency designation should be considered concluded.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council receive the status report, and approve the conclusion of the designated local emergency.

ATTACHMENT: None

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Item No. 18

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council:

1. Receive the status report and review of the designated local emergency; and
2. Pursuant to the requirements of Article 14, Section 8630 of the California Emergency Services Act, determine that a need exists to continue said local emergency designation.

ATTACHMENT: None