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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **SANTA BARBARA COUNTY PROCLAIMS LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO ALISAL FIRE**

***Alisal Fire Remains Uncontained and Threatens Multiple Structures***

**(SANTA BARBARA, Calif.)** – At the Board meeting of October 12, 2021, the County of Santa Barbara proclaimed a local emergency due to the Alisal Fire which has impacted Santa Barbara County with evacuation orders, closure of the 101 Freeway, and poor air quality. The [proclamation](#) was executed by the Santa Barbara County Executive Officer. The Board of Supervisors acted formally on the proclamation after the approval of placement of as an emergency item on today’s agenda.

Proclaiming a local state of emergency is an essential step for local governments dealing with significant incidents. It ensures that all county resources are available for the fire control efforts and supporting activities. Having the proclamation in place also helps facilitate State and Federal reimbursement for emergency response.

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors Chair, Bob Nelson, said, “The Alisal Fire is causing a threat to people and property within the county of Santa Barbara, necessitating all resources necessary be utilized to respond.”

The Alisal Fire began at approximately 2:30 p.m. on October 11, 2021 burning near the Alisal Reservoir. In less than a day, the fire burned 6,000 acres with 0% containment. Evacuation orders have been issued for approximately 270 residents with an Evacuation Warning for 260 residents. It is currently threatening as many as 100 structures, including ranches, farms, homes, state campgrounds, railway services, and County critical infrastructure. Santa Barbara County Fire has requested assistance through the Federal Management Assistance Grant program.

An evacuation shelter is currently located at Dos Pueblos High School, located at 7266 Alameda Avenue in Goleta. Animal Services can be reached at (805) 681-4332 for animal evacuation assistance. Highway 101 remains closed in both directions between Highway 1 and Winchester Canyon Road/Cathedral Oaks Road.

For more information, visit <https://readysbc.org/alisal-fire/>.