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An emergency meeting of the Carson City Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, July 14, 2004, at the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada, beginning at 3 p.m.

PRESENT:	Ray Masayko	Mayor
	Pete Livermore	Supervisor, Ward 3
	Robin Williamson	Supervisor, Ward 1
	Shelly Aldean	Supervisor, Ward 2
	Richard S. Staub	Supervisor, Ward 4

STAFF PRESENT:	Linda Ritter	City Manager
	Alan Glover	Clerk-Recorder
	Ken Furlong	Sheriff
	Andrew Burnham	Development Services Director
	Tom Minton	Finance Director
	Stacy Giomi	Acting Fire Chief
	Daren Winkelman	Health Director
	Larry Werner	City Engineer
	Anne Langer	Chief Deputy District Attorney
	Katherine McLaughlin	Recording Secretary

(E.B.O.S. 7/14/04 Tape 1-0015)

**CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM** - Mayor Masayko convened the meeting at 3:05 p.m. by explaining the purpose of the meeting. He directed that the record show this is a special emergency meeting. Roll call was taken. The entire Board was present, constituting a quorum.

**ACTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION WHEREBY THE CARSON CITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCLAIMS THE EXISTENCE OF A DISASTER EMERGENCY AND REQUESTS ASSISTANCE FROM THE GOVERNOR (1-0025)** - City Manager Linda Ritter explained the purpose of the meeting. The fire had started at approximately 3 a.m. Firefighters and equipment were sent immediately to the fire after the call was received. There are homes that are at risk. The fire is spreading very rapidly to the north. The resolution requests the State ask FEMA for help and may provide financial assistance in the future. An emergency evacuation and animal shelter has been set up at Fritsch Elementary School. Staff members who were present to give briefings were introduced.

Acting Fire Chief Giomi explained that the fire had burned through Kings Canyon and is now threatening Timberline. The fuel break at Wellington Crescent had held. Some homes were lost in Kings Canyon as well as fire apparatus. Several firefighters were injured. There are no known civilian injuries at this time. It was the worse fire he had seen in his 24-year history in fire fighting. They are attempting to get as many resources as possible from other jurisdictions and agencies. The evacuation on the west side from Kings Canyon to Timberline is mandatory. Traffic in the area is at gridlock. Mayor Masayko agreed and indicated that people should not be attempting to reach the area. Discussion explained the location where the fire had started, the efforts to fight it, its "spotting", the firefighters' injuries, and the local, regional, State and Federal agencies that are fighting the fire. Sierra Front will take over command at 3:30 p.m. Acting Chief Giomi felt that the transition should go smoothly. Containment could not be estimated. The wind is forecasted to be in the 15

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to 30 miles per hour range. Supervisor Williamson complimented him on their efforts. Discussion indicated that the fire is using a lot of water and suggested that residents reduce their irrigation activities. Helicopters may be taking water from Marlette and Hobart Reservoirs, Washoe Lake, the ponds at the Silver Oak Golf Course, and open City water tanks. Comments stressed the need for people to leave the area if asked to do so. At times the fire has "spotted" as far as half-a-mile from the fire. For this reason Acting Chief Giomi asked that anyone living west of Ormsby Boulevard evacuate at this time. This area included residents in the Silver Oak, Lakeview and Timberline areas. He indicated that he would keep the Board briefed on the status of the fire and reiterated that it is a dangerous and very serious situation. He was unsure what had caused the fire but was almost certain that it was man-made and felt that the individual, if caught, should be prosecuted.

Mr. Burnham explained that water tanks contained an average of 36 percent of capacity at 8:30 a.m. and that the tanks are now at about 43 percent of capacity. They are pushing water to Lakeview and Timberline as fast as possible. The fire surrounded the Quill Treatment Plant. It is still operating. The generator is working. All of his Department's water tenders are on the line. One of the water tenders was singed but it is still working.

Sheriff Furlong explained that voluntary evacuations began at 8 a.m. Evacuations are now mandatory although they cannot force people to leave. People waiting until the last minute to leave or individuals who are going back for things are causing problems. Residents west of Longview to and including Timberline have been ordered to evacuate. Lakeview Estates has been told to prepare to evacuate. The lack of access routes to the area is creating gridlock. Mayor Masayko indicated that "witnesses" should not be in the area. His experience getting to Division Street from his home supported comments on the traffic problems. Sheriff Furlong reiterated the need for people to leave and not wait until the last minute. Mayor Masayko indicated that it may become necessary to deny access to the area to all but emergency vehicles. Emergency vehicles are unable to get up Kings Canyon at this time due to the traffic volume. Sheriff Furlong agreed and indicated that this is part of the problem. Mayor Masayko suggested that the traffic be stopped at Mountain for their safety unless it is a resident of the area. Discussion indicated that there had been a few families at Fritsch Elementary School. Staging is occurring at the Carson Middle School. This is another reason for keeping traffic off of King Street. The Red Cross is at Fritsch Elementary School. NDOT is in the process of striping King Street. NDOT may need to be asked to stop if it is impeding emergency traffic.

Health Director Winkelman explained that large animals can be taken to the Fairgrounds. Volunteers with the Wild Horse Commission and the State are helping his staff. They are accepting smaller animals at Fritsch Elementary School and the shelter. Mayor Masayko indicated that if he needed additional equipment to let the City Manager know.

Ms. Ritter explained that a second evacuation location is being established at the High School. They have commenced evacuations at Timberline, Manhattan, and Longview areas and have advised Lakeview to voluntarily evacuate. Mayor Masayko urged staff to develop a contingency plan and begin preparations to evacuate and handle the situations. The cost is minimal compared to the cost created by the lack of a plan and failure to act. Supervisor Williamson explained that FEMA training at Emmetsberg recommended that people take the "5 P's" - papers, pills, pillows, pets, and photos.

Public comments were solicited but none were given. Supervisor Livermore moved to adopt Resolution No. 2004-R-25, A RESOLUTION WHEREBY THE CARSON CITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PRO-

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CLAIMS THE EXISTENCE OF A DISASTER EMERGENCY AND REQUESTS ASSISTANCE FROM THE GOVERNOR. Supervisor Williamson seconded the motion. Mayor Masayko reiterated the purpose of the Resolution. The Motion was voted and carried 5-0.

There being no other matters for consideration, Supervisor Aldean moved to adjourn. Supervisor Livermore seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Mayor Masayko adjourned the meeting at 3:29 p.m.

A tape recording of these proceedings is on file in the Clerk-Recorder's office. This tape is available for review and inspection during normal business hours.

The Minutes of the July 14, 2004, Emergency Carson City Board of Supervisors meeting

ARE SO APPROVED ON September 16, 2004.

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Ray Masayko, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Alan Glover, Clerk-Recorder