

PURSUANT TO A.R.S. §38-431.01, THE GILA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL HOLD A MEETING AT THE GILA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' HEARING ROOM, 1400 EAST ASH STREET, GLOBE, ARIZONA. ONE OR MORE BOARD MEMBERS MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING BY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL OR BY INTERACTIVE TELEVISION VIDEO (ITV). THE MEETING IS ALSO TELEVIEWED TO THE GILA COUNTY COMPLEX, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' CONFERENCE ROOM, 610 E. HIGHWAY 260, PAYSON, ARIZONA.

NOTE: Per the most recent guidelines from the federal government regarding COVID-19 and to protect citizens, no citizens will be allowed in the Board of Supervisors' hearing room at the Globe Courthouse or at the County Complex, Board of Supervisors' conference room in Payson.

Citizens may watch the Board meeting live-streamed at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkCHWVqrI5AmJKbvYbO-k2A/live>

Citizens may submit comments related to the June 30, 2020 Work Session agenda by no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, June 29, by emailing to the Clerk of the Board at msheppard@gilacountyaz.gov or calling 928-402-8757. Please include the meeting date and agenda item number in the email.

THE AGENDA IS AS FOLLOWS::

WORK SESSION - TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2020 - 10:00 A.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
2. **REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:**
 - A. Information/Discussion to address actions being taken by Gila County Public Health to tackle the COVID-19 cases in Gila County, future expectations, and updates on the funding opportunities to assist with our COVID-19 response. **(Michael O'Driscoll)**
 - B. Information/Discussion regarding the Bush Fire, burn scar, and potential post-fire flood and erosion. **(Michael O'Driscoll)**
3. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** A call to the public is held for public benefit to allow individuals to address the Board of Supervisors on any issue within the jurisdiction of the Board of Supervisors. Board members may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda.

Therefore, pursuant to Arizona Revised Statute §38-431.01(H), at the conclusion of an open call to the public, individual members of the Board of Supervisors may respond to criticism made by those who have addressed the Board, may ask staff to review a matter or may ask that a matter be put on a future agenda for further discussion and decision at a future date.

4. At any time during this meeting pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02(K), members of the Board of Supervisors and the County Manager may present a brief summary of current events. No action may be taken on information presented.

IF SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS ARE NEEDED, PLEASE CONTACT THE RECEPTIONIST AT (928) 425-3231 AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE THE ACCOMMODATIONS. FOR TTY, PLEASE DIAL 7-1-1 TO REACH THE ARIZONA RELAY SERVICE AND ASK THE OPERATOR TO CONNECT YOU TO (928) 425-3231.

THE BOARD MAY VOTE TO HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING LEGAL ADVICE FROM THE BOARD'S ATTORNEY ON ANY MATTER LISTED ON THE AGENDA PURSUANT TO A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3).

THE ORDER OR DELETION OF ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION AT THE MEETING.

ARF-6144

2. A.

Work Session

Meeting Date: 06/30/2020

Submitted For: Michael O'Driscoll, Director

Submitted By: Josh Beck, EM/PHEP Manager

Department: Health & Emergency Management

Information

Request/Subject

Gila County COVID-19 Response and Operational Updates

Background Information

The state of Arizona has encountered a sharp increase in COVID-19 positive cases since reopening the economy on May 15, 2020. The dramatic increase in cases has certainly impacted Gila County with now over 150 non-tribal positive cases, and over 100 positive cases within the San Carlos Apache Tribe. Additionally, there have now been over 500 cases investigated and more than 600 isolation/quarantines.

Information/Discussion to address what Gila County Public Health is currently doing to tackle the COVID-19 cases in Gila County, what we expect to see in the near future, and updates on the funding opportunities to assist with our COVID-19 response.

Evaluation

Provide information on the Gila County Public Health COVID-19 response and capabilities moving forward.

Conclusion

N/A

Recommendation

N/A

Suggested Motion

Information/Discussion to address actions being taken by Gila County Public Health to tackle the COVID-19 cases in Gila County, future expectations, and updates on the funding opportunities to assist with our COVID-19 response. **(Michael O'Driscoll)**

Attachments

No file(s) attached.

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2. B.

Work Session

Meeting Date: 06/30/2020

Submitted For: Michael O'Driscoll, Director

Submitted By: Josh Beck, EM/PHEP Manager

Department: Health & Emergency Management

Information

Request/Subject

Update on the Bush Fire, Burn Scar, and Potential Post-Fire Flood and Erosion

Background Information

While many Arizona wildfires cause minimal damage to the land and pose few threats to the land or people downstream, some fires cause damage that requires special efforts to prevent problems afterwards. Loss of vegetation exposes soil to erosion; water runoff may increase and cause flooding; sediments may also move downstream and damage houses or fill reservoirs putting endangered species and community water supplies at risk.

After a fire, our first priority in Emergency Management is emergency stabilization in order to prevent further damage to life, property or natural resources on Gila County lands. The stabilization work begins before the fire is out and may continue for up to a year. The longer-term rehabilitation effort to repair damage caused by the fire begins after the fire is out and continues for several years. Rehabilitation focuses on the lands unlikely to recover naturally from wildland fire damage.

The Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) program is designed to address these emergency situations through its key goals of protecting life, property, and critical natural and cultural resources. The objective of the BAER program is to determine the need for and to prescribe and implement emergency treatments on Federal Lands to minimize threats to life or property resulting from the effects of a fire or to stabilize and prevent unacceptable degradation to natural and cultural resources.

BAER teams are staffed by specially trained professionals: hydrologists, soil scientists, engineers, biologists, vegetation specialists, archeologists, and others who rapidly evaluate the burned area and prescribe emergency

stabilization treatments. A BAER assessment usually begins before the wildfire has been fully contained.

In most cases, only a portion of the burned area is actually treated. Severely burned areas, very steep slopes, places where water runoff will be excessive, fragile slopes above roads, trails, campgrounds, and other valuable facilities are focus areas. The treatments must be installed as soon as possible, generally before the next damaging storm. Time is critical if treatments are to be effective.

There are a variety of emergency stabilization techniques that the BAER team might recommend. Reseeding of ground cover with quick-growing or native species, mulching with straw or chipped wood are some common hill slope stabilization techniques used. The team also assesses the need to modify road and trail drainage mechanisms by installing debris traps, modifying or removing culverts to allow drainage to flow freely, adding additional drainage dips, and constructing emergency spillways to keep roads and bridges from washing out during floods.

Evaluation

Provide information to address the situational update for the Bush Fire, the burn scar produced, and the potential for post fire flooding and erosion.

Conclusion

N/A

Recommendation

N/A

Suggested Motion

Information/Discussion regarding the Bush Fire, burn scar, and potential post-fire flood and erosion. **(Michael O'Driscoll)**

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