

Gov. Schwarzenegger Declares State of Emergency for Ventura County

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today declared a state of emergency for Ventura County as a result of the wildfire commencing on September 4, 2006 and continuing. Below is the full text of the proclamation.

A PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS conditions of extreme peril to health and safety of persons and property currently exists within Ventura County caused by fires commencing on September 4, 2006 and continuing; and

WHEREAS these fires have burned 127,569 acres, which constitutes one of the largest wild-land fires in recent California history; and

WHEREAS on September 16, 2006 Ventura County declared a local emergency as the result of the fires and high winds threatening residential and commercial property; and

WHEREAS on September 16, 2006 Ventura County requested that I proclaim a state of emergency as the fires have continued to expand and create a situation of extreme peril for the residents and businesses of the county; and

WHEREAS on June 22, 2006 I signed an Executive Order directing key state agencies to increase their efforts to prevent wild-land fires and significantly enhance their capability to respond to fire emergencies; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, Governor of the State of California, find that conditions of extreme peril to persons and property exists in Ventura County due to the fires commencing on September 4, 2006 and continuing and the magnitude of these fires exceeds the capabilities of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of Ventura County. Accordingly, under the authority vested in me by the California Emergency Services Act, set forth at Title 2, Division 1, Chapter 7 of the California Government Code, commencing with section 8550, I HEREBY PROCLAIM A STATE OF EMERGENCY to exist within Ventura County.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all agencies of the state government utilize and employ state personnel, equipment and facilities for the performance of any and all activities consistent with the direction of my Office of Emergency Services (OES) and the State Emergency Plan, and that OES provide local government assistance under the authority of the California Disaster Assistance Act.

I FURTHER DIRECT that as soon as hereafter possible, this proclamation be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this proclamation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th Day of September 2006.

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER
Governor of California

ATTEST:

BRUCE McPHERSON

Secretary of State