

ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

To: Leon Page, County Counsel
From: Lee R. Kaser, Deputy Director *LRK*
Date: June 12, 2026
RE: Status Report, Item 62 for June 23, 2026, Agenda: Review the Need for
Terminating the Local Emergency

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The Airport Fire began on September 9, 2024, and was deemed 100% contained on October 5, 2024.

County Proclamations and Ordinance Status

- The Orange County Board of Supervisors proclaimed a Local Emergency on September 10, 2024, and continued the local emergency proclamation on November 5 and December 17, 2024; and February 11, April 8, May 14, June 24, August 12, September 23, and November 18, 2025; January 13, March 10, and April 30, 2026. The item will be brought to the Board of Supervisors agenda on June 23, 2026.
- The Orange County Health Officer proclaimed a Local Health Emergency on September 13th and renewed it on the 20th; the Orange County Board of Supervisors ratified the health emergency proclamation on September 24, 2024, and continued the local health emergency on November 5, December 3, December 17, 2024; and January 14, February 11, March 11, April 9, May 6, June 24, July 15, August 12, September 9, September 23, October 14, November 4, December 2, and December 16, 2025; January 13, February 10, March 10, March 24, and April 14, and May 5, 2026. The local health emergency was terminated on June 9th, 2026.
- On October 8, 2024, the Orange County Board of Supervisors adopted an Urgency Ordinance for the Airport Fire Debris Removal Program.

Costs

As of June 12, 2026, the County is projecting the following total costs for the debris removal effort:

- **Riverside County - \$25M**
 - Debris Removal - \$20M
 - Debris Monitoring (including Asbestos Testing) - \$5M
- **Orange County - \$12,656,845**
 - Debris Removal - \$11,414,362
 - Debris Monitoring - \$1,107,700
 - Asbestos Testing - \$134,783
- **Grand Total - \$37,656,845**

Recovery Efforts

Phase 1 (Hazardous Debris Removal): Completed; no change from previous report.

Phase 1.5 (Watershed Protection): Completed; no change from previous report.

Phase 2 (Private Property Debris Removal [PPDR]):

- **OC Debris Removal**
 - Long Canyon (100% complete)
 - Holy Jim (100% complete)
 - Hydroseeding work to help stabilize the cleared areas is pending but will be done via a separate OCPW contractor.

- Administrative close out, final sign offs, and data reconciliation continues.
 - El Cariso (Orange County side) (100% complete)
- **Riverside County (RC) Debris Removal**
 - Administrative close out, final sign offs, and data reconciliation continues.
 - Overall: 100% complete
 - Completed May 2026
- **Trabuco Creek Road**
 - The road remains closed to the public and repairs appear to be performing as intended.

Post Fire Debris Flow Events

Since the last report, there have been no activations of the Airport Fire Post-Fire Debris Flow Plan.

Recommended Action

Approve termination of Local Emergency for the Airport Fire; phased recovery efforts are complete, and Local Health Emergency has been terminated.

cc: County Executive Officer Michelle Aguirre
Clerk of the Board Robin Stieler
Undersheriff Jeff Hallock, Sheriff-Coroner Department