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by the Office of LA County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

Board approves emergency infrastructure repair in Sand Fire Burn Area

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously today to make emergency repairs to County roads and shore up flood protection infrastructure in the vicinity of the 2016 Sand Fire, Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich announced.

“In addition to two tragic fatalities, the Sand Fire burned 41,000 acres, destroyed 18 structures and temporarily forced some 20,000 Santa Clarita Valley residents from their homes,” Supervisor Antonovich said. “Today’s Board action will ensure that County infrastructure is ready for the upcoming storm season and that critical resources are available to first responders in their protection of lives and property.”

As a precaution against potential mud and debris flows, the Board directed LA County Public Works to take emergency action to reopen damaged roads to commuters, repair roadway drainage and flood control facilities, and build temporary mudflow mitigation measures.

The Sand Fire caused significant damage to roads, culverts, guardrail and flood control facilities in the County’s unincorporated area, prompting the Board of Supervisors on July 26 to declare it a local emergency.

Today’s motion, authored by Supervisor Antonovich, dedicated as much as \$35 million towards recovery and mudflow mitigation efforts and authorized Public Works to seek grants and other forms of emergency funding.

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