

Resolution No.: 2025-XXX

Meeting Date: September 30, 2025

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DECLARING THE REBUILDING OF LEGAL STRUCTURES IN THE
UNINCORPORATED AREA THAT WERE DAMAGED OR DESTROYED IN THE
SEPTEMBER 2025 COCHES FIRE TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR PLAN CHECK, DEBRIS
DISPOSAL, AND PERMIT FEE WAIVERS, AND TO SUPPORT VICTIMS IN
RECOVERING THEIR VITAL RECORDS, DEEDS AND OTHER PROPERTY-
RELATED AND BUSINESS DOCUMENTS**

WHEREAS, on September 8, 2025, a wildfire known as the Coches Fire broke out in the community of Lakeside, leading to evacuations and road closures; and

WHEREAS, as of September 10, 2025, according to damage assessment reports, at least ten structures have been destroyed; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to assist property owners in the unincorporated areas of San Diego County who lost legal structures within the perimeter of this fire, including septic systems, water wells, and a community pool, and who now must now rebuild their lives; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego County Administrative Code, Section 362.1(d), Item 17, Section 362.2(c), Item 1 and San Diego County Code of Regulatory Ordinance, Section 65.107(m)(10) authorizes the Board of Supervisors to waive plan check review and permit fees for an applicant who is rebuilding legally built structures of like size and location in the area which has been damaged or destroyed by a wildfire or other natural disaster and which are located within the boundaries of a geographic area which has been declared by resolution of the Board of Supervisors to be eligible for this fee waiver; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego County Administrative Code, at Section 360.1, authorizes the waiver of debris disposal fees incurred as a result of clean-up efforts made by the owners of those properties located within the boundaries of the geographic area which has been declared by resolution of the Board of Supervisors to be eligible for this fee waiver; and

WHEREAS, on September 14, 2022, (10) the San Diego County Board of Supervisors authorized the Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk's Office to issue replacement of lost birth certificates, death certificates, marriage certificates, deeds and other property-related and business documents at no cost to victims of wildfires and future declared emergencies whose documents are destroyed as a result of the disaster and that such authorization applies to the victims within the boundaries of the affected wildfire areas; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Diego desires to support victims affected by the September 2025 Coches Fire who lost vital records, deeds, and other property-related and business documents as

a result of the wildfire; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 30th day of September, 2025 by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, property owners whose legal structures have been damaged or destroyed by the September 2025 Coches Fire, or structures and associated improvements without prior permits which can legally be rebuilt with permits, in the area of San Diego County and within the approved geographic boundary of the perimeter of areas affected by the September 2025 Coches Fire, shall be eligible for plan check review and permit fee waivers as authorized by the County Administrative Code.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Works Solid Waste Management Agreement fee and Solid Waste Planning fee shall be waived for disposing of fire debris from the September 2025 Coches Fire.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that property owners and local residents who have lost their documents as a result of the September 2025 Coches Fire shall be eligible for the replacement of vital records, deeds, and other property-related and business documents at no cost from the San Diego County Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk's Office.

On a motion by Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____ the foregoing was passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors, County of San Diego, State of California, on the 30th day of September, 2025, by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
David J. Smith, Acting County Counsel

By: MARK DAY, Senior Deputy County Counsel