



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Requested Board Meeting Date: 5/20/2025

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***Title:**

Resolution of Stage II Fire Restrictions and Declaration of Fire Emergency in Unincorporated Pima County

***Introduction/Background:**

Due to severe drought conditions and increased wildfire activity, the Arizona State Forester has recommended the implementation of Stage II fire restrictions effective May 12, 2025.

***Discussion:**

In response to severe wildfire conditions and the Arizona State Forester's recommendation, the proposed action would implement Stage II Fire Restrictions on all Pima County and Regional Flood Control District lands located in unincorporated areas. The restrictions prohibit all open flames, including campfires, charcoal, coal, elevated grills, and wood stoves—even in developed areas—and restrict spark-generating activities such as welding, unless essential and conducted with strict safety measures. These actions align with state fire prevention efforts and reflect the County's responsibility to protect residents and natural resources amid growing wildfire threats.

***Conclusion:**

Adopting the Stage II Fire Restrictions and declaring a fire emergency are necessary steps to protect public health, safety, and property during this period of elevated wildfire risk. These measures align with state recommendations and ensure coordinated efforts to mitigate fire hazards in unincorporated areas of Pima County.

***Recommendation:**

It is recommended that the Boards adopt Stage II Fire Restrictions, declare a fire emergency, and authorize the Board Chair to exercise emergency powers under A.R.S. § 26-311 until further notice.

***Fiscal Impact:**

None

***Board of Supervisor District:**

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RESOLUTION

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RESOLUTION OF THE PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS and THE PIMA COUNTY REGIONAL FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS IMPOSING STAGE II FIRE RESTRICTIONS ON LAND OWNED BY PIMA COUNTY AND THE REGIONAL FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF PIMA COUNTY

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA and THE PIMA COUNTY REGIONAL FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS FINDS THAT:

1. The Board of Supervisors of Pima County, Arizona has the authority under A.R.S. §§ 11-251(63) to prohibit open fires and campfires on designated lands in the unincorporated areas of the county, and the power granted by A.R.S. §§ 26-311 to declare a fire emergency.
2. The Arizona State Forester has authority under A.R.S. §§ 37-1303 and 37-1305 to coordinate wildfire suppression and prevention efforts and impose fire restrictions on state-managed lands, and has effective May 12, 2025, recommended the implementation of Stage II fire restrictions due to severe and extreme drought conditions, and an uptick in fire activity.
3. The Board of Supervisors has determined these restrictions necessary on land owned by Pima County and the Regional Flood Control District in unincorporated areas of the county for the safety and welfare of the residents of Pima County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. Stage II Fire Restrictions are hereby adopted, which include, but are not limited to, the following prohibitions on land owned by Pima County and the Regional Flood Control District in unincorporated areas of the county:
 - a. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, open flame, campfire, charcoal, coal, elevated grill, or wood stove. This includes fires in developed campgrounds or improved sites.
 - b. All spark generating activities, including “hot work” except if such work is deemed essential then strict fire prevention protocols must be followed. These

include spark containment, clearance from flammable materials, and implementation of fire watch procedures.

2. Authorizes the Chair of the Pima County Board of Supervisors to declare that a fire emergency exists throughout unincorporated Pima County, effective immediately until further notice, and exercise all powers granted by A.R.S. §§ 26-311.
3. Authorizes and directs the relevant County officers and employees to perform all acts necessary or desirable to give effect to this Resolution.
4. This resolution shall be effective upon execution by the Chair of the Pima County Board of Supervisors and the Chair of the Pima County Flood Control District Board of Directors.

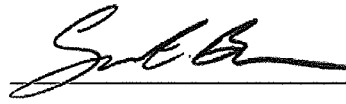
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors, Pima County, Arizona, this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Chair, Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Clerk of the Board



Deputy County Attorney

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Pima County Regional Flood Control District, this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Chair, Pima County Regional Flood Control District Board of Directors

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Clerk of the Board



Deputy County Attorney