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Health Officer Declares a Local Health Emergency

Redding, CA – Shasta County Health Officer, Dr. Andrew Deckert, declared a local health emergency today for Shasta County as result of the Carr Fire. This declaration provides access to state and federal resources necessary for recovery. This declaration applies to the entire County of Shasta including both incorporated and unincorporated areas. The declaration was supported by the County of Shasta, Larry Lees, CEO and personally accepted by Mark Ghilarducci, Director, California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES). It is scheduled to be ratified by the Shasta County Board of Supervisors at an emergency session on Monday, August 6, 2018.

Wildfire combined with fire damage to buildings can result in ash and debris that is dangerous to people’s health. Household chemicals, building materials, and vehicle waste combine with ash and debris and create an unhealthy environment. Exposure to these hazards can lead to both short term and long term health effects.

Under the local health emergency declaration, no removal of Carr Fire debris shall occur without first having a hazardous materials inspection from CA Department of Toxic Substances Control or the U.S. EPA. This is for fire debris, not the removal of personal property.

For more information on cleanup go to the Shasta County website www.co.shasta.ca.us and select Environmental Health Division, call 2-1-1 Shasta, www.211norcal.org/shasta , and follow us on Facebook and Twitter: Shasta County Sheriff’s Office

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