

PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY  
FOR THE COUNTY OF SONOMA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**WHEREAS**, the County of Sonoma Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10, Article 1, Section 10-5(b) empowers the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence of a Local Emergency when the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors is not in session, and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Emergency Services finds:

(1) That at the time of this proclamation the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors is not in session;

(2) That conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the County starting on November 20, 2024, caused by an extreme category 4 atmospheric river storm which has resulted in downed trees, disrupted utility services, and blocked and damaged roadways in parts of Sonoma County (“November 2024 Atmospheric River Storm Event”);

(3) That conditions of extreme peril caused by this extreme storm condition over the past seven days have caused severe ground saturation, unstable hillsides, debris flows, landslides, downed trees, flooding, road blockages and road washouts/slip-outs, and power outages which have significantly impacted County and community operations and resources, and require the provision of additional public safety, health and emergency services;

(4) That these conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property are continuing due to impacts to from over 13 inches of rain in the span of 6 days, as recorded at the Charles M. Schulz–Sonoma County Airport. Several creeks and streams are still above the action/monitor stage, requiring emergency protective measures to stabilize these areas to safeguard life, health, and property, and before additional precipitation exacerbates the damage, and the situation is of such severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capabilities of the affected local governments; and

(5) That the aforementioned conditions of extreme peril and warrant and necessitate the proclamation of a Local Emergency; now, therefore,

1           **IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED** that a Local Emergency exists throughout Sonoma  
2 County, commencing on or about the 20th day of November 2024; and

3           **IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that during the existence of said  
4 Local Emergency, the powers, functions and duties of the Director of Emergency Services shall be those  
5 prescribed by state law and the ordinances, resolutions, and approved plan of the County of Sonoma in  
6 order to mitigate the effects of said Local Emergency; and

7           **IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that said Local Emergency shall be  
8 deemed to continue to exist for the next seven (7) days, and hereafter by ratification of the Sonoma County  
9 Board of Supervisors, until its termination is proclaimed by the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors; and

10           **IT IS REQUESTED** that the Governor of the State of California proclaim a State of  
11 Emergency; waive any regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts; make available California  
12 Disaster Assistance Act Assistance; and seek all available forms of disaster assistance and relief programs.

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14 Dated: 11/26/2024



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Director of Emergency Services

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