

1 PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY
2 FOR THE COUNTY OF SONOMA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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4 **WHEREAS**, the County of Sonoma Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10, Article 1, Section 10-
5 5(b) empowers the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence of a Local Emergency when
6 the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors is not in session, and

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

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

10 (2) That conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen
11 within the County starting on January 31, 2025, caused by a series of extreme category 4 atmospheric river
12 storms which has resulted in flooding, slides, downed trees, disrupted utility services, and blocked and
13 damaged roadways in parts of Sonoma County (“February 2025 Atmospheric River Storm Event”);

14 (3) That conditions of extreme peril caused by this extreme storm condition over the past
15 5 days have caused severe ground saturation, unstable hillsides, debris flows, landslides, downed trees,
16 flooding, road blockages and road washouts/slip-outs, evacuations, and power outages which have
17 significantly impacted County and community operations and resources, and require the provision of
18 additional public safety, health and emergency services;

19 (4) That these conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property are
20 continuing due to impacts to from over 6.50 inches of rain in the span of 5 days, as recorded at the Charles
21 M. Schulz–Sonoma County Airport. Several creeks and streams are at or above the action/monitor stage
22 and the Russian River is expected to crest above moderate flood stage, requiring emergency protective
23 measures to stabilize these areas to safeguard life, health, and property, and before additional precipitation
24 exacerbates the damage, and the situation is of such severity and magnitude that effective response is
25 beyond the capabilities of the affected local governments; and

26 (5) That the aforementioned conditions of extreme peril and warrant and necessitate the
27 proclamation of a Local Emergency; now, therefore,
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1 **IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED** that a Local Emergency exists throughout Sonoma
2 County, commencing on or about 1800 hours of the 4th day of February 2025; 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: February 4, 2025



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Director of Emergency Services