



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: February 11, 2025

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

☐ 4/5 Vote Required

Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California, Ratifying the Proclamation of Local Emergency Due to the February 2025 Atmospheric River Storm Event

Whereas, on February 4, 2025, the Director of Emergency Services for the County of Sonoma Issued a Proclamation of a Local Emergency for the County of Sonoma, State of California, due to conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property that have arisen within the County starting on January 31, 2025 , caused by a series of extreme category 4 atmospheric river storms which has resulted in flooding, slides, downed trees, disrupted utility services, and blocked and damaged roadways in parts of Sonoma County (the “Director’s Proclamation of Local Emergency”); and

Whereas, pursuant to Sonoma County Code Chapter 10, Article 1, Section 10-5, where the Director of Emergency Services proclaims a local emergency, the Board of Supervisors must ratify said declaration within seven (7) days after such proclamation; and

Whereas, conditions of extreme peril caused by this extreme storm condition over the past week have caused severe ground saturation, unstable hillsides, debris flows, landslides, downed trees, flooding, road blockages and road washouts/slip-outs, evacuations, 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; and

Whereas, these conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property are continuing due to impacts from significant rainfall and high winds. Several creeks and streams, including the Russian River, have reached flood 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

Whereas, the Board of Supervisors does hereby find that the circumstances of the February 2025 atmospheric river storm event and danger of additional storms impacts as described in the Director's Declaration of Local Emergency do constitute a risk of extreme peril and support and justify the declaration of local emergency set forth therein, the request for the Governor of the State of California to proclaim a State of Emergency; and the request to make additional assistance available, including but not limited to California Disaster Act Assistance; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved the Board of Supervisors does hereby ratify the Director's Declaration of Local Emergency, effective immediately upon the adoption of this resolution.

Be It Further Resolved and Proclaimed that the County Administrator is delegated authority to take all actions reasonably necessary to respond to the February 2025 atmospheric river storm event, including but not limited to providing appropriate direction and authority to Human Resources and the County Payroll Manager regarding employee pay for time not worked and for straight overtime as provided in the Salary Resolution due to impacts from the emergency resulting from the incident for pay periods in which this pay is reasonable and necessary.

Supervisors:

Hermosillo:

Rabbitt:

Coursey:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.