



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: December 3, 2024

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 November 2024 Atmospheric River
Storm Event**

Whereas, on November 26, 2024, 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 November 20, 2024, caused by a category 4 atmospheric river storm event which has resulted in 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, the conditions of extreme peril caused by these storms have significantly impacted County and community operations and resources, and require the provision of additional public safety, health and emergency services; and

Whereas, the 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; and

Whereas, these conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property are continuing and the situation is of such severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capabilities of the affected local governments; and

Whereas, several creeks and streams are still above the action/monitor stage, requiring emergency protective measures; and

Whereas, the Board of Supervisors does hereby find that the circumstances of the November 2024 Atmospheric River Storm Event and ongoing 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 November 2024 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:

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Ayes:	Noes:	Absent:	Abstain:	

So Ordered.