



# County of Sonoma

## State of California

Date: January 10, 2023

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### **Resolution of The Board of Supervisors of The County Of Sonoma, State of California, Ratifying the Proclamation of Local Emergency Due to the January 2023 Winter Storms and Flooding**

**Whereas**, on January 3, 2023, 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 as of December 31, 2022 caused by consecutive severe winter storm events which have resulted in major flooding in parts of Sonoma County, downed trees, disrupted utility services, and damaged roadways (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**, on January 4, 2023, the Governor proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist throughout California due to the severe winter storms related to a series of atmospheric river systems striking and continuing to strike California, bringing high winds, substantial precipitation, and river and urban flooding; and

**Whereas**, the conditions of extreme peril caused by these storms and flooding have significantly impacted County and community operations and resources, and require the provision of additional public safety, health and emergency services; and

**Whereas**, the region is facing continuing extreme weather conditions creating continuing risks of flooding, debris flow, landslides, downed trees and related hazards in the Sonoma County Operational Area; and

**Whereas**, the conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property will continue within the County based on forecasted severe atmospheric river storms bringing substantial rainfall, along with high winds, and significant risk of downed trees, debris flows, power outages, and road blockages. Based on best available current information the Russian River is projected to exceed flood stage near Guerneville. Other areas in the Sonoma County Operational Area have flooded and are expected to continue to flood as well, and the situation is of such severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capabilities of the affected local governments; and

**Whereas**, the conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property will continue within the County because of the ongoing damages caused by the ongoing and coming winter storms and flooding, and the situation is of such severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capabilities of the affected local governments; and

**Whereas**, resources regionwide are significantly strained due to the unprecedented winter storms in the region and around the state; and

**Whereas**, the Board of Supervisors does hereby find that the circumstances of the January 2023 winter storms and flooding 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.

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**Be It Further Resolved and Proclaimed** that the County Administrator is delegated authority to take all actions reasonably necessary to respond to the January 2023 winter storms and flooding incident, 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:**

Gorin:

Rabbitt:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Coursey:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

**So Ordered.**

