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Date: February 26, 2019

Item Number: 36A

Resolution Number: 19-0096

☐ 4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,  
Proclaiming The Existence Of A Local Emergency In The Sonoma County Operational Area Due  
To The 2019 Winter Storms and Flooding**

**Whereas**, California Government Code section 8630 and the Sonoma County Code section 10, empower the Board of Supervisors to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when Sonoma County is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity, at the earliest practicable time; and

**Whereas**, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property arose within Sonoma County beginning on February 12, 2019 and continuing to date due to consecutive major winter storm events which resulted in major flooding in parts of Sonoma County; and

**Whereas**, consecutive major storm events over the past fourteen (14) days and continued heavy rains have caused severe ground saturation that has not dissipated at normal soil drainage rates, and that continues to cause major flooding; and

**Whereas**, based on best available current information the Russian River is projected to crest at 45.9 feet near Guerneville, a measure which is nearly 14 feet above flood stage; and is projected to crest at approximately 25 feet near Healdsburg, which is 2 feet above flood stage. Other areas area in the Sonoma County Operational Area are expected to flood as well; and

**Whereas**, the Director of Emergency Services of the County/Operational Area, recommends that the Board of Supervisors find that the aforesaid conditions of extreme peril

have existed since February 12, 2019, and have continued to worsen to date and warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency in the Sonoma County Operational Area due to the 2019 Winter Storms and Flooding; and

**Whereas**, on February 26, 2019 the Board of Supervisors, held a previously scheduled regular meeting, at which time it considered the Director's recommendation and proposed proclamation.

**Now, Therefore, It Is Proclaimed and Ordered** that upon the recommendation of the County Administrator/Director of Emergency Services and based on the findings above, the Board of Supervisors proclaims that a local emergency has existed in the Sonoma County Operational Area since February 12, 2019, due to the 2019 Winter Storms and Flooding; and

**It Is Further Proclaimed and Ordered** that the Board of Supervisors requests that the Governor of the State of California proclaim a State of Emergency, waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts; and make available California Disaster Act Assistance disaster assistance and relief programs and resources due to damage related to the 2019 Winter Storms and Flooding; and

**It Is Further Proclaimed and Ordered** that during the existence of this local emergency, the powers, functions and duties of the County Administrator and the emergency management organization of the Sonoma County Operational Area shall be those prescribed by Federal law; State law; by ordinances, resolutions and the Code of the County of Sonoma; and by the Sonoma County/Operational Area Emergency Operations Plan approved by the Board of Supervisors; and

**It Is Further Proclaimed and Ordered** that the Board of Supervisors finds that circumstances exist as set forth herein that justify waiver of competitive bidding requirements pursuant to Public Contract Code 22050 by the Director of Emergency Services of the County/Operational Area for work that the Director finds necessary to conduct in conjunction with emergency response, including but not limited to road clearing; and

**It Is Further Proclaimed and Ordered**, pursuant to Government Code section 8630, that the Board of Supervisors shall review the need for continuing this local emergency at least once every sixty days until the Board of Supervisors terminates the local emergency; and

**It Is Further Proclaimed and Ordered** that a copy of this proclamation be forwarded to the State Director of the Office of Emergency Services and all State and Federal legislators representing that a local emergency has existed in the Sonoma County Operational Area since February 12, 2019, due to the 2019 Winter Storms and Flooding.

**Supervisors:**

Gorin: Aye

Zane: Aye

Gore: Aye

Hopkins: Aye

Rabbitt: Aye

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

**So Ordered.**

