



Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

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Supervisory District(s): All

Title:

Continue Proclamation of a Local Emergency Due to the 2019 Winter Storms and Flooding

Recommended Actions:

Review and Continue the Proclamation of a Local Emergency in the Sonoma County Operational Area Due to the 2019 Winter Storms and Flooding.

Executive Summary:

This item requests the Board of Supervisors review and continue the proclamation of a local emergency in the Sonoma County Operational Area for another 60 days due to the Winter Storms and Flooding.

Discussion:

On February 26, 2019, pursuant to California Government Code section 8630, the Sonoma County Supervisors declared a Local Emergency as powerful winter storms battered the county. On February 28, 2019, Governor Newsom declared a State of Emergency for Sonoma County.

Sonoma County's Health Officer declared a local health emergency on March 5, 2019 due to the scale of household hazardous waste scattered along waterways, roadsides, and on public and private properties after flooding.

At the March 7, 2019 Special Meeting, your Board ratified the County Health Officer's proclamation of local health emergency due to the presence of significant household hazardous waste in the flood zone that requires proper disposal.

Early damage assessments estimated over \$150 million in countywide flood damages. Thirty-five structures have received red tags, which means that the structure is damaged and poses an imminent threat to life or safety under expected loads or other unsafe conditions, while roughly 600 structures have received yellow tags, which means inspectors determined that there is some risk from damage to the structure.

In addition to private property damage, there are at least \$23.5 million in damages to public property including debris removal, emergency protective measures, non-federal road and bridge systems, water control facilities, public buildings, public utilities, and park and recreational facilities. Damage estimates also include approximately \$4 million in physical agriculture damage.

The County experienced significant road damage on several sites that require exigent work to open or maintain the road as passable due to the importance of the routes. Transportation and Public Works (TPW) has estimated that the temporary repair work is of significant cost.

Site locations and estimated costs of the temporary repairs are:

King Ridge Road - roadway slip (estimated repairs: \$660,000).

Mays Canyon Road - bridge approach failure (estimated repairs: \$200,000).

Geysers Road in Cloverdale - roadway slip (estimated repairs: \$600,000).

Further, TPW is reviewing another site on Moscow Road that may have high temporary repair costs. Finally, Fort Ross Road had two culvert washouts and a temporary portable, pre-fabricated truss bridge was installed. TPW is working with CalOES on options for permanent solutions.

At the March 7, 2019 Special Meeting, the Board directed staff to offer curbside debris collection to assist Russian River communities with the significant amount of waste created by the flood disaster at no cost to residents. This was in response to the health and environmental risk posed by flood debris accumulating in streets, parking lots and in other public areas.

The County collected 1,711.62 tons of waste at the staffed debris drop off sites which were open from Saturday, March 2, 2019 through Saturday, March 9, 2019.

Curbside debris collection from the floods began on March 11, 2019 and is running three weeks. The total tonnage of curbside debris picked up through March 22, 2019 was 3,078.52 tons for the first two weeks of the program.

On March 6, 2019, Sonoma County requested California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) funds for private property debris removal because of damages sustained during the event. Governor Newsom has authorized CDAA (CDAA-2019-01-06) for Sonoma County who will perform the debris removal from the public rights-of-way and request reimbursement from Cal OES for the eligible activities at a 75 State/25 County percent cost share.

Government Code section 8630 requires the Board of Supervisors to review the need for continuing the local emergency at least once every sixty (60) days until the local emergency has been terminated.

Prior Board Actions:

The Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 19-0096 proclaiming a local emergency on February 26, 2019

FISCAL SUMMARY

Expenditures	FY 18-19 Adopted	FY19-20 Projected	FY 20-21 Projected
Budgeted Expenses			
Additional Appropriation Requested			
Total Expenditures			

Funding Sources			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal			
Fees/Other			
Use of Fund Balance			
Contingencies			
Total Sources			

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:

Staffing Impacts:			
Position Title (Payroll)	Monthly Salary Range (A - I Step)	Additions (number)	Deletions (number)

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

Attachments:

Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board: