



Legislation Text

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To: The Board of Supervisors

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Vote Requirement: Majority

Supervisorial District(s): All

Title:

Continue the Proclamation of a Local Emergency in the Sonoma County Operational Area 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. On May 18, 2019, FEMA declared a Federal Disaster for the severe winter storms, flooding, landslides, and mudslides for 16 counties in California, including Sonoma County, for the incident period of February 24 to March 1, 2019.

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.

Damage Assessment: Damage assessments estimated over \$150 million in countywide flood damages. Thirty-one structures 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 527 structures received yellow tags, which means inspectors determined that there is some risk from damage to the structure. There were 1,035 green tags, which means the structure has been impacted by the event but remains safe yet repairs may still be needed. Finally, an additional 136 locations did not have access provided in order for an inspection to occur.

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:

1. King Ridge Road - roadway slip (estimated repairs: \$660,000).
2. Mays Canyon Road - bridge approach failure (estimated repairs: \$200,000).
3. 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 wash outs and a temporary portable, pre-fabricated truss bridge was installed and TPW is working with CalOES on options for permanent solutions.

Debris Collection: 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 roughly 4,000 tons of debris from March 1, 2019 through March 29, 2019.

As of May 21, 2019, the Recology bill is \$1,952,529, subject to minor line item revisions. The estimated monitoring bill from 4 Leaf is \$71,940 for a total of \$2,024,469 before contingency (up to a 20% contingency has been presumed). Contingency includes items such as traffic control, county staff time (drivers, field supervisors), signs, and accounting and record keeping. Contingency costs are currently estimated at \$299,071, an amount that is within the 20% contingency estimate.

Disaster Assistance: On March 6, 2019, Sonoma County requested California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) assistance for Emergency Protective Measures (County emergency response and debris removal) and private property debris removal due to significant damages sustained during the event. Governor Newsom authorized CDAA (CDAA-2019-01-06) for Sonoma County for the February 26, 2019 Flooding event. Through the CDAA, the County is eligible for 75% State / 25% County cost share reimbursement for eligible expenses.

The May 18, 2019 Federal Declaration provides for both FEMA Public Assistance (PA) and FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). FEMA Public Assistance provides assistance for emergency work and the repair or replacement of disaster-damaged facilities and the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program provides assistance for actions taken to prevent or reduce long-term risk to life and property from natural hazards.

Additional information on the Federal Declaration will be provided by FEMA in June 2019.

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. Because threats to public health, safety and the environment remain from damages caused by the floods, there is a need to continue the local emergency for another 60 days.

Prior Board Actions:

April 16, 2019: the Board declared the need for continuing the local emergency.

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

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):

None

Attachments:

None

Related Items “On File” with the Clerk of the Board:

None