

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**IN THE MATTER OF RE-RATIFICATION
OF THE PROCLAMATION OF THE
EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY
CAUSED BY THE JANUARY 2023 STORM**

Resolution No. 23-37

WHEREAS, Government Code, Sections 8558 and 8630, *et seq.*, and Chapter 12 of the Santa Barbara County Code empower the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the County is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity; and

WHEREAS, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property arose within this County on January 9, 2023 due to a series of storms that began January 4, 2023 (“January 2023 Storm”); and

WHEREAS, heavy rainstorms fell January 4 and 5, 2023, and began again countywide Wednesday, January 9, and were expected to continue until Thursday, January 10, 2023, with the heaviest rainfall expected on the South Coast; and

WHEREAS, an atmospheric river system brought heavy rain and high winds across Santa Barbara County January 4, 2023 through January 14, 2023; and

WHEREAS, these rainstorms have resulted in heavy rain, flooding, storm surge, coastal erosion, high winds, landslides, and debris flows in existing fire burn scar areas and impacts countywide; and

WHEREAS, the January 2023 Storm posed a serious risk of rock falls, flooding, and landslides across the county, as well as debris flows in the Thomas, Cave, and Alisal Fire burn areas, impacting residences, agricultural and ranching land, private and non-profit facilities, recreational facilities, roads, and critical infrastructure countywide; and

WHEREAS, between January 3-15, 2023, the National Weather Service issued wind, high surf, coastal flood, and flood advisories, watches and warnings, as well as high wind warnings advising of the potential for damaging winds that may potentially impact trees and power lines. On January 4, 2023, the National Weather Service advised the County Storm Risk Decision Team of the likelihood to issue a Flood Watch due to heavy rainstorms and issued multiple such notifications on January 5, 2023. And, in total issued an estimated 215 notifications

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regarding potential impacts to Santa Barbara County during this time; and

WHEREAS, on January 4, 2023, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist throughout California; and

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2023, at 11:00 AM a Shelter In Place was ordered for the Thomas, Cave, Alisal burn scar areas of concern and protective actions were issued across Santa Barbara County to protect life and property. The actions were issued as a result of immediate threats for flooding, debris flows and a Flash Flood Warnings issued for a significant portion of the County; and

WHEREAS, between January 3 through 15, 2023 protective actions, including evacuation warning, evacuation order, and shelter in place were issued to protect life and property as the result of immediate threats from coastal erosion, flooding, road conditions, landslides and debris flows to protect life and property as the result of immediate threats for flooding and debris flows; and

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2023, these conditions warranted and necessitated that the Director of Emergency Services proclaimed the existence of a local emergency in order to utilize all resources necessary to respond to and recover from the local emergency and receive any needed assistance from the State and Federal governments that may be available or become available; and

WHEREAS, the subsequent impacts, damages and losses exceeded the capacity of response and recovery services, personnel, equipment and facilities of the Santa Barbara County Operational Area; and

WHEREAS, efforts continue to assist residents, businesses, County Departments, and Operational Area partners in accessing available local, state and federal recovery services and resources, undertake mitigation actions against future storms, and recoup eligible response and recovery costs; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 8630(c) requires the Board of Supervisors to ratify the proclamation (completed on January 10, 2023) and review the need for the continued existence of a Proclamation of Local Emergency at least every 60 days and Government Code Section 8630(d) requires termination of a Proclamation of Local Emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that the conditions warranting a Proclamation of Local Emergency as issued by the Director of Emergency Services with regards to the January 2023 Storm continue to exist; and

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IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors will review the need for the continued existence of a Proclamation of Local Emergency at least every 60 days; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors shall proclaim the termination of the local emergency caused by the January 2023 Storm at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California this 28th day of February 2023 by the following vote:


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AYES: Supervisors Williams, Capps, Hartmann, Nelson and Lavagnino

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None


ABSENT: None



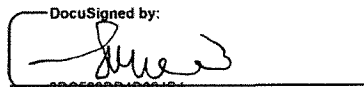
DAS WILLIAMS, CHAIR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:
MONA MIYASATO
CLERK OF THE BOARD

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
RACHEL VAN MULLEM
COUNTY COUNSEL

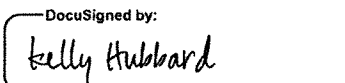
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