

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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**Nm Agenda Number:**  
**Prepared on:** January 27, 2005  
**Department Name:** County Administrator  
**Department No.:** 0130  
**Agenda Date:** February 08, 2005 - Ongoing 14 day term  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimate Time:**  
**Continued Item:** NO  
**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Michael F. Brown  
County Administrator

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**SUBJECT:** Reaffirm the existence of a Local Emergency resulting from the January 2005 Severe Storm Emergency for the County of Santa Barbara, and; Reaffirming the Waiver of the Competitive Bidding Process Pursuant to Public Contract Code 22050

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## Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Adopt a resolution to reaffirm the existence of a Local Emergency due to the January 2005 storm, Resolution Number 05-006, and reaffirming the waiver of the competitive bidding process, Resolution Number 05-018, pursuant to Public Contract Code 22050.

## Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

*The recommendations are primarily aligned with Goal No. 2; Ensure the Public Health and Safety and Provide Essential Infrastructure.*

## Executive Summary and Discussion:

The County of Santa Barbara has been adversely impacted by a series of severe winter storms, which began the last week of December 2004. Storm damage has been widespread. The series of storms brought unusually heavy rains that caused flash flooding, mudslides, accumulation of debris, washed out and damaged roads and damaged public and private infrastructure.

On January 10, 2005, when the Board of Supervisors was not in session, Director of Emergency Services Michael F. Brown, proclaimed the existence of a local emergency for Santa Barbara County in connection with these storms and the resulting damage. Additionally, Mr. Brown requested Governor Schwarzenegger

to proclaim the County of Santa Barbara to be in a State of Emergency. On January 11, 2005, your Board approved **Resolution 05-006** ratifying the proclamation of a local emergency and the request for a State Proclamation of Emergency. At that time and based on Mr. Brown's recommendation your Board requested the Governor to seek a Presidential Declaration of Emergency from the President of the United States. Section 8630 of the Government Code provides that the body declaring a local emergency (the Board of Supervisors) review the need for continuing the local emergency at least every fourteen (14) days until the local emergency is terminated.

On January 15, 2005, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger proclaimed the County of Santa Barbara to be in a State of Emergency as a result of a series of severe rainstorms that commenced on December 28, 2004. Under the State proclamation, local governments are eligible for recovery of 75% of costs associated with repair and replacement of public facilities and infrastructure. If there is a Presidential proclamation, the eligible reimbursement for local government agencies rises to approximately 93.75%. On January 26, 2005 the Governor requested a Presidential major disaster designation for both Individual Assistance and Public Assistance.

On January 18, 2005 the Board of Supervisors adopted **Resolution 05-018**, which authorized the waiver of the competitive bidding process for the repair and replacement of public facilities damaged by the emergency conditions pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22050.

The resulting storm damage to numerous public facilities and infrastructure requires immediate repair or replacement in order to protect the public health and safety and/or to protect against complete failure or destruction. The County is in the middle of the winter storm season and must take these immediate measures in preparation for future storms. This event constitutes a continuing emergency and it is impractical to solicit competitive bids for the repair or replacement of the public facilities. Public Contract Code Section 22050(a) authorizes the Board of Supervisors, by a four-fifths vote, to "*repair or replace a public facility, take any directly related and immediate action required by that emergency, and procure the necessary equipment, services, and supplies for those purposes, without giving notice for bids to let contracts*". If the bidding process is waived, the Board will be required to review its decision every 14 days, to determine by a four-fifths vote whether the waiver should continue. The Board would be obligated to terminate the waiver of the bid process at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant, so that the remainder of work may be completed under the bid process.

On January 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 2005 Preliminary Damage Assessment teams ("PDA") for both Public Assistance and Individual Assistance have been surveying storm damaged areas with County representatives. The results of these surveys were compiled by the State and forwarded to the Governor in support of his January 26, 2005 request for a Presidential Disaster proclamation. Preliminary reports from the PDA teams indicate that damage to the public facilities and infrastructure is extensive. The Governor's request did include Individual Assistance. However, damage to private structures and businesses do not appear as extensive as we initially thought.

#### **Mandates and Service Levels:**

No change in programs or service level.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

There are no direct fiscal or facilities impacts as a result of these recommendations. However, adoption makes the County eligible for state disaster relief funds otherwise not available and allows storm damage repairs to be made in the most expedient and efficient way possible in preparation for future storms throughout the rest of this winter's storm season.

**Special Instructions:**

None

**Concurrence:**

Public Works  
County Counsel  
General Services  
Auditor Controller

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

IN THE MATTER OF REAFFIRMING  
ONGOING EXISTENCE OF LOCAL  
EMERGENCY DUE TO JANUARY 2005,  
HEAVY RAINS AND REAFFIRMING  
WAIVER OF BIDDING PROCESS  
PURSUANT TO PUBLIC CONTRACT  
CODE SECTION 22050

RESOLUTION NO. 05-\_\_\_\_

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WHEREAS, on January 11, 2005, this Board adopted Resolution 05-006 which ratified the proclaimed existence of a local emergency due to heavy rain which created a condition of extreme peril to life and property in Santa Barbara County; and

WHEREAS, Section 8630 of the Government Code provides in part, that the body declaring a local emergency shall review, at least every fourteen (14) days until such local emergency is terminated, the need for continuing the local emergency and shall proclaim the termination of such local emergency at the earliest date that conditions warrant; and

WHEREAS, on January 18, 2005, this Board adopted Resolution 05-018, which authorized the waiver of the competitive bidding process for the repair or replacement of public facilities damaged by the emergency conditions pursuant to Public Contracts Code Section 22050; and

WHEREAS, Public Contracts Code Section 22050 requires this Board to review every 14 days the basis for waiving the competitive bid process; and

WHEREAS, the condition of extreme peril to life and property still exists in this County and the need for the local emergency and waiver of the competitive bid process continues.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, that there is a need to continue the proclamation of the local emergency that was made by this Board by Resolution 05-006. The local emergency will continue in place until terminated by action of this Board.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that Board Resolution 05-018 is reaffirmed and the competitive bid process for the repair or replacement of public facilities shall continue to be waived pursuant to Public Contracts Code Section 22050.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2005, by the following vote (4/5<sup>th</sup> vote required for waiver of bidding process):

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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Chair, Board of Supervisors  
County of Santa Barbara

ATTEST:  
MICHAEL F. BROWN  
CLERK OF THE BOARD

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
STEPHEN SHANE STARK  
COUNTY COUNSEL

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy