



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: CEO/OEM
Department No.: 012
For Agenda Of: 02/28/17
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer
Director
Contact Info: Robert Lewin, Director of Emergency Management
SUBJECT: February 17, 2017 Storm Emergency - Proclamation Ratification

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form: NA

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: NA

Recommended Actions:

- a) Adopt a Resolution ratifying the Proclamation of a Local Emergency related to the Storm Emergency declared by the Director of Emergency Services on February 22, 2017, when the Board of Supervisors was not in session, pursuant to Government Code Section 8550 et. seq. and Chapter 12, Section 12-5(a) of the Santa Barbara County Code;
- b) Direct the Office of Emergency Management to return monthly for re-ratification of the Emergency until such time that the response and recovery conditions dictate otherwise; and
- c) Determine the above actions are not a "Project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines, because the actions consist of organizational or administrative activities of the government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

On February 17, 2017, a major storm influenced by an atmospheric river condition began impacting Santa Barbara County (County). The Santa Barbara County Emergency Operations Center was activated.

On February 22, 2017, the County Executive Officer, as the Director of Emergency Management, proclaimed a local emergency to assist with the response; the proclamation is effective for a period of only seven days unless ratified by the Board of Supervisors.

The proclamation issued by the Director of Emergency Services was in response to storm damage sustained by the County of Santa Barbara and the Santa Barbara County Operational Area (i.e., entire geographic area of the county, including cities, unincorporated area and special districts). County staff worked within the Operational Area to compile a preliminary damage assessment (some cities, districts and county agencies are still assessing and accumulating damages). The preliminary damage assessment for the entire Operational Area is approximately \$7.4 million dollars in damage to public property and response effort and it is anticipated to increase. Private damage is being evaluated to determine if it meets the minimum threshold for assistance.

As a result from the storms, County has damaged roads, damage to the Goleta Pier and Beach and County staff costs as a result of debris removal and emergency response. Santa Barbara City and Goleta City also had significant damage. The largest area of damage thus far was sustained by the County Flood Control District, currently estimated at \$2 million.

The Governor's Office is determining whether it will declare a State proclamation for this recent period. If the Governor proclaims, California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) may provide financial assistance from the state for costs incurred by local governments as a result of a disaster. The Governor may also request an emergency declaration from the President which may allow for individual assistance in addition to public assistance.

Fiscal Analysis:

Estimates of the fiscal impact to the County are being conducted at this time and will be reported to the Board at future meetings. Preliminary damage assessment is approximately 7.4 million dollars in damage to public property and response effort and it is anticipated to increase. Damage to private property is being evaluated to determine if it meets the threshold for assistance.

Special Instructions:

Direct Clerk of the Board to send a copy of the minute order to:
Office of Emergency Management, Attn: Robert Lewin

Attachments:

Attachment A: Resolution Ratifying the Proclamation of Local Emergency Proclamation

Authored by:

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cc:

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