



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Department Name: CEO/OEM  
Department No.: 012  
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Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer  
Director  
Contact Info: Robert Lewin, Director of Emergency Management  
**SUBJECT:** 2017 Storms Emergencies – Termination of Proclamations

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: NA

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Adopt a Resolution terminating the Proclamations of Local Emergency for both the January 2017 and the February 2017 storms; each separately declared by the Director of Emergency Services and each ratified by the Board of Supervisors pursuant to Government Code Section 8550 et. seq. and Chapter 12, Section 12-5(a) of the Santa Barbara County Code;
- b) 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 January 19, 2017, a series of storms influenced by an atmospheric river condition began impacting Santa Barbara County (County). The Santa Barbara County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was activated and remained in operation until the storms passed on January 23, 2017.

On January 27, 2017, the County Executive Officer, as the Director of Emergency Services, proclaimed a local emergency to assist with the response and recovery; the proclamation was ratified by the Board of Supervisors on February 2, 2017 at a special meeting of the Board of Supervisors, and was subsequently re-ratified at least every thirty days.

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

On February 22, 2017, the County Executive Officer, as the Director of Emergency Services, proclaimed a second local emergency to assist with the response to the second storm; the proclamation was ratified by the Board of Supervisors on February 28, 2017, and was subsequently re-ratified at least every thirty days.

The proclamations issued by the Director of Emergency Services were on behalf of the Operational Area (i.e., entire geographic area of the county) in response to storm damage the County of Santa Barbara experienced during these two storms. The proclamations cover cities, unincorporated county areas, and special districts.

The Governor and the President both declared an emergency for the January and February Storms. County OEM is supporting County Departments and local jurisdictions affected by the Storms in seeking recovery funding. We are collecting costs related to private property damage; however, it is unlikely at this point that the damage thresholds will be met for reimbursement.

As a result of the preliminary damage assessment from the storms, multiple jurisdictions had significant damage to public infrastructure and facilities currently assessed at 11.5 million dollars for the first storm and 12 million dollars for the second storm. The assessment and recovery process will be ongoing; Applicant Briefings are underway and a “Kickoff Meeting” is expected to be held in the coming weeks.

With the Gubernatorial and Presidential Declaration of Emergency in place, recovery reimbursement for the affected jurisdictions and county and non-profit agencies is available, even if our Local Proclamations are terminated. County OEM will coordinate with CAL OES and FEMA in support of the jurisdictions and agencies who have applied for this assistance.

We are at the end of the rain season for this year and the immediate threat to the public health and safety no longer exists therefore it is no longer necessary to continue to re-ratify the two storm emergency and appropriate to terminate them.

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Preliminary damage assessments are approximately 11.5 million dollars to public property for the January storm and \$12 million dollars for the February Storm. While final costs are not available at this time, it is estimated that the maximum potential cost recovery share for approved eligible projects is 75% Federal, 18.75% State, and 6.25% Local Government.

**Special Instructions:** Direct Clerk of the Board to send a copy of the minute order to: Office of Emergency Management, Attn: Sonia Thompson

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: Terminating Proclamations of the Existence of Local Emergencies Caused by Storms

**Authored by:** Robert Lewin, OEM Director