

# Memorandum

**Date:** February 3, 2023

**To:** Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Barbara

**From:** Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works Director

**Subject:** Item A-21: Public Works Director's Report on Emergency Response Actions from Impacts of Flooding and Storms and Continuation of Emergency Actions, Supervisorial District

**cc:** Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer  
Walter Rubalcava, Deputy Director – Water Resources  
Chris Sneddon, Deputy Director – Transportation



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The Public Works Department requests to include Emergency Work Descriptions for the Transportation Division with the Water Resources' Emergency Response Board Letter for the February 7, 2023 Board of Supervisors Administrative Agenda.

This required necessary changes to the recommended actions for Item A-21:

That the [Board of Supervisors and](#) Board of Directors of the Flood Control and Water Conservation District (4/5 vote required):

- a) Receive and review a report from the Public Works Director regarding emergency actions taken pursuant to Resolution No. 19-327 and Public Contract Code section 22050 related to emergency operations responding to flooding, storms, debris removal [and transportation projects](#) following the recent storm events and the necessity of the action and the reasons the emergency will not permit delay resulting from competitive solicitation of bids;
- b) Determine that there is a need to continue the emergency actions ordered by the Public Works Director (4/5 vote required);
- c) Direct staff to return to the Board every 14 days to allow the Board to review the emergency action and determine whether there is a need to continue the emergency action, by a 4/5 vote, until the actions are terminated; and

[That Board of Directors of the Flood Control and Water Conservation District :](#)

d) Find that the proposed actions are associated with emergency response and are therefore statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(c), as actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency that does not have a low probability of occurrence, and that a Notice of Exemption for these actions was approved by the Board and filed by the Clerk of the Board on January 24, 2023, therefore no new Notice of Exemption is required for the approval of the recommended actions. The Notice of Exemption can be found here:  
<https://santabarbara.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6003416&GUID=29008858-08FE-4EDC-9D4F-61F811BF8AA1>

That the Board of Supervisors:

e) Find that the proposed actions are statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(d), as an emergency project undertaken, carried out, or approved by a public agency to maintain, repair, or restore an existing highway damaged by fire, flood, storm, earthquake, land subsidence, gradual earth movement, or landslide, initiated within one year of the damage occurring; and direct the staff to file a Notice of Exemption with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors on that basis.

In addition, we added the Transportation Emergency Work Descriptions to attachment B and added the Notice of Exemption as attachment C to Item A-21 for the February 7, 2023 board hearing.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (805)568-3010.

Thank you.