




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  
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If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Adopt a Resolution re-ratifying the Proclamation of a Local Emergency related to the Storm Emergency declared by the Director of Emergency Services on January 27, 2017, and ratified by the Board of Supervisors on February 2, 2017 at a special meeting, 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 no less than 30 days for re-ratification of the Emergency until such time that the response and recovery conditions dictate otherwise pursuant to Government Code Section 8630(c); 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 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 was activated and in operation until the storms passed on January 23, 2017.

On January 27, 2017, the County Executive Officer, as the Director of Emergency Management, 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 in Santa Maria.

The proclamation issued by the Director of Emergency Services was 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 January 19th through January 24th, 2017. The proclamation covers cities, unincorporated county areas, and special districts. County staff continues to work with the Operational Area partners to compile and update a preliminary damage assessment.

On February 2, 2017, representatives from Cal OES came to Santa Barbara County and joined with staff from County Office of Emergency Management to validate Initial Damage Estimate (IDE). They surveyed the damage sites from the storms to collect data from the various jurisdictions and verify damage assessment reports. Santa Barbara County OEM continues to work closely with Cal OES throughout the next steps of the recovery process to ensure that all impacted jurisdictions in the county are able to benefit fully from any available State or Federal resources that may be offered.

The Governor's Office is determining whether it will declare a State proclamation for this recent period (the Governor recently proclaimed for storms earlier in January and December). If the Governor proclaims, our region could seek reimbursement for costs directly related to the winter storm event. Unfortunately, costs related to private property damage cannot be reimbursed through this process.

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. Re-ratification is necessary due to the continuing recovery efforts throughout the county and the potential for additional damaging storms that may strike the County, thus it is recommended that the ratification of the Proclamation of Local Emergency made by the Board of Supervisors on February 2, 2017 remain in effect.

The Governor, on February 10, 2017, requested a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration due to the previous storms that occurred in December and January, but currently the request does not include the storms that affected the Santa Barbara County Operational Area.

**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 assessments are approximately 11.5 million dollars to public property.

**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: Resolution Re-Ratifying the Proclamation of Local Emergency Proclamation

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

**cc:** Matt Pontes, County Executive Office