



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: 02/02/17
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: 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 January 27, 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 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; the proclamation is effective for a period of seven days unless ratified by the Board of Supervisors.

The proclamation issue by the Director of Emergency Services was in response to storm damage the County of Santa Barbara experienced January 19th through January 24th, 2017 and on behalf of the Operational Area (i.e., entire geographic area of the county). The proclamation covers cities, unincorporated county areas, and special districts. During the last five days, 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 million dollars (approx. \$3.1 million public and approx. \$3.8 million private).

As a result from the storms, County has damaged roads, damage to Goleta Beach revetment, and beach erosion and County staff costs. The largest area of damage thus far was sustained in the City of Goleta related to a crib-wall and a sink hole (approx. \$2 million).

The Governor's Office is determining whether it will declare a State proclamation for this recent period (the Governor recently proclaimed for storms in earlier in December and January). 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.

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 are approximately 7 million dollars both to private and public property.

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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