



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 - Proclamations Re-Ratification

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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 re-ratifying the Proclamations of Local Emergency related to both the January 2017 and the February 2017 storms; each separately declared by the Director of Emergency Services and each was 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) Direct the Office of Emergency Management to return in no less than 30 days for re-ratification of the Emergencies 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 (EOC) was activated and remained in operation until the storms passed on January 23, 2017.

On January 27, 2017, when the Board of Supervisors was not in session, 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 in Santa Maria.

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, when the Board of Supervisors was not in session, 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 at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors in Santa Barbara.

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. These proclamations cover cities, unincorporated county areas, and special districts. County staff continues to work with the Operational Area partners to compile and update preliminary damage assessments.

On February 2, 2017, representatives from Cal OES came to Santa Barbara County and were joined by staff from County Office of Emergency Management to validate Initial Damage Estimate (IDE). They surveyed the damage sites from the first storms to collect data from the various jurisdictions and verify damage assessment reports. On February 16, 2017 FEMA representatives came to Santa Barbara County and validated the data collected by County staff and Cal OES. 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 these recent storms (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 events. 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 7.5 million dollars for the second storm. Re-ratification of the two emergencies is necessary due to the continuing recovery efforts and the potential for additional damaging storms that may strike the County this winter. Thus, it is recommended that the ratification of the Proclamations of Local Emergency made by the Board of Supervisors on February 28, 2017 remain in effect.

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Preliminary damage assessments are approximately 11.5 million dollars to public property for the January storm and \$7.5 million dollars for the February Storm.

**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