



County of Santa Barbara

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minute Order

January 13, 2026

Present: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

File Reference No. 26-00044

RE:

Consider recommendations regarding the Public Works Director's Report on Emergency Response Actions from Impacts on Flooding and Storms and Continuation of Emergency Actions, as follows: (4/5 Vote Required)

Acting as the Board of Supervisors:

- 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 late December 2025 and early January 2026 (25STM3) 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;
- c) Direct staff to return to the Board at the next regular meeting, or every 14 days in the case of consecutive weekly regular meetings, 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;
- d) Determine that these emergency actions were found by the Board to be exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(d) and Section 15301(c) on January 13, 2026. A Notice of Exemption was filed on this basis on January 7, 2026, and the proposed action is within the scope of that Notice of Exemption;

Acting as the Board of Directors, Flood Control and Water Conservation District:

- 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 of Flood Control facilities and projects following the recent late December 2025 and early January 2026 (25STM3) storm



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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 at the next regular meeting, or every 14 days in the case of consecutive weekly regular meetings, 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

d) Determine that these emergency actions are statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(c) for actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption (Attachment E) with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors on that basis.

A motion was made by Supervisor Lavagnino, seconded by Supervisor Capps, that this matter be acted on as follows:

Acting as the Board of Directors:

a) Received and reviewed;

b) Approved;

c) Directed;

d) Approved;

Acting as the Board of Directors, Flood Control and Water Conservation District:

a) Received and reviewed;

b) Approved;

c) Directed; and

d) Approved.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino