



County of Santa Barbara

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minute Order

May 5, 2026

Present: 3 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, and Supervisor Lavagnino
Absent 2 - Supervisor Hartmann, and Supervisor Nelson

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

File Reference No. 26-00380

RE: Consider recommendations regarding a Public Works Director's Report on Emergency Response Actions from Impacts on Flooding and Storms and Continuation of Emergency Actions for the Transportation Division, as follows: (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 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; and
- 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.

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

- a) Received and reviewed;
- b) Approved;
- c) Directed; and
- d) Approved.

The motion carried by the following vote:



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Ayes: 4 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

Absent: 1 - Supervisor Hartmann