



County of Santa Barbara X-Agenda Request

JUSTIFICATION FOR THE NECESSITY FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TO TAKE ACTION ON A MATTER NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA
(4/5 VOTE REQUIRED)

To: Chair Lavagnino and Members of the Board

From: Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer
Wade Horton, Assistant CEO
Kelly Hubbard, Director of Office of Emergency Management

Meeting date: February 6, 2024

Subject of Item: Ratification of Proclamation of Local Emergency Caused by the February 2024 Storm, All Supervisorial Districts

Recommended Board Action: That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Find that due to a series of storms that began on January 31, 2024 ("February 2024 Storm"), an emergency situation exists pursuant to Government Code sections 54954.2 and 54956.5 that requires immediate action, with need for action following posting of the agenda for this meeting (4/5 vote required); and
- b) Receive an update on the February 2024 Storm and its potential impacts on specific areas of the County;
- c) Adopt a Resolution ratifying the Proclamation of Emergency declared by the Director of Emergency Services on February 04, 2024, 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; and
- d) Direct the Office of Emergency Management to return every sixty (60) days for ratification of the emergency until such time that conditions dictate otherwise; and
- e) Determine that these actions are exempt from the provisions of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15269.

Reason item cannot be placed on future agenda: A local proclamation of emergency issued by the Director of Emergency Services/County Executive Officer must be ratified by the Board of Supervisors within seven days.

Statement of reason for emergency, or why need for action arose after the agenda was posted: (Attach additional sheets if necessary)

On February 4, 2024, after posting of the agenda, the Director of Emergency Services issued a Proclamation of Local Emergency due to the conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the County of Santa Barbara, as evidenced by a Flood Watch and High Wind Warning issued by the National Weather Service and the protective actions by the Sheriff's Office.

Government Code section 8630(b) requires the Board of Supervisors to ratify a Local Emergency within seven days. Section 8630(c) requires the Board to review the need for the continued existence of the Local Emergency at least every 60 days, and Section 8630(d) requires termination of the Local Emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant.

On February 2, 2024, the County issued an Evacuation Warning to vulnerable areas related to the Thomas Fire, Cave Fire, and Alisal Fire burn scar areas, as well as properties in the vicinity of Sycamore Creek, from Stanwood Drive to parts of Ninos Drive, in the City of Santa Barbara. On February 3, 2024, an Evacuation Order was issued for those areas, as well as state beach campgrounds within the County, including Refugio, Carpinteria, Gaviota, and El Capitan. These actions were issued as a result of the immediate flooding threat. In addition, on February 4, 2024, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in impacted counties, including Santa Barbara County.

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Department Director or CEO: Mona Miyasato, CEO

Mandatory Docketing Requirements:

- ☐ Docket one (1) original with the Clerk of the Board
- ☐ E-mail Final X-Agenda Packet w/request form to: BoardLetters@countyofsb.org