



**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Emergency Services		(2) MEETING DATE 3/21/2017		(3) CONTACT/PHONE Ron Alsop, 781-5011	
(4) SUBJECT Thirty-day update on current storm conditions and damages for the Board's review of the continuing need for the January 24, 2017 Proclamation of Local Emergency pursuant to Government Code section 8630. All Districts.					
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that your Board review the need for continuing the Proclamation of Local Emergency made by on January 24, 2017 due to damaging storms and allow the Proclamation to remain in effect.					
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) N/A		(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00		(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	
(9) BUDGETED? Yes					
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. _____)					
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A					
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A				(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A		(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No		(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Date 1/24/17; 2/21/17	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW <i>Nikki J. Schmidt</i>					
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts					



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SUBJECT: Thirty-day update on current storm conditions and damages for the Board's review of the continuing need for the January 24, 2017 Proclamation of Local Emergency pursuant to Government Code section 8630. All Districts.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that your Board review the need for continuing the Proclamation of Local Emergency made by on January 24, 2017 due to damaging storms and allow the Proclamation to remain in effect.

DISCUSSION

Beginning January 3, 2017, San Luis Obispo County has received a significant amount of rainfall that has resulted in flooding, mud flows, infrastructure damage, fallen trees and power outages. Evacuations due to flooding and debris flow affected homes and businesses in San Luis Obispo County, with some residents still unable to return to their homes. Throughout the storm period, County departments including Public Works, Fire, Sheriff, Parks, among others, mitigated potential threats and responded to areas of concern to protect public health and safety.

Significant damage to infrastructure has occurred in various locations throughout the county. Highway 41 between Morro Bay and Atascadero, remained closed due to a mudslide for weeks, affecting commerce in nearby communities. In addition to numerous washed out and closed roads, flooding affected Old Town Nipomo and homes near the lagoon in Oceano. The Arroyo Grande Creek Levee was damaged and required reinforcement and additional monitoring and response due to high flows. Cambria Healthcare District was forced to relocate their ambulance headquarters after a mudslide affected the use of their facility.

Due to this damage, a local emergency was proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors on January 24, 2017. The Proclamation of Local Emergency was necessary in order to request reimbursement for public agencies through the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) for storm related costs and damages. This was preceded by the Governor's Proclamation of State of Emergency on January 23, 2017 due to storm damages for 50 counties, including the County of San Luis Obispo. Several more impactful storms hit the county after this Proclamation.

As a result of the damages incurred throughout the county, County OES continues to coordinate with Cal OES to seek disaster recovery reimbursement for local public and private agencies. In order to determine countywide public agency damage and response costs, information was requested from the seven incorporated cities and various special districts. The damage estimates were provided to Cal OES to enable them to perform an initial damage assessment by visiting select damage sites for the early January storms and again for the late January storms. Cal OES is still determining if they will come back for February storm assessment.

County OES continues to work with Cal OES to determine if the level of damage to private residences and businesses might meet a minimum financial threshold for federal assistance. Local media and partner agencies have been utilized to collect information from residents throughout the county on damages incurred. The information was submitted to Cal OES the week of February 6 and again the week of February 27, as additional damages were collected. So far we are not eligible for Individual Assistance programs that could assist private residences and businesses, but we are currently continuing to work with Cal OES for updates.

In addition to the storm damages that resulted in the initial January 24 Proclamation, damages have continued unabated since early January. This includes continuing damages into and throughout the month of February and into March as a result of the storms. On March 7 Governor Brown proclaimed two additional State of Emergencies for counties due to storm damages, including San Luis Obispo County.

The Governor made one Proclamation for the late January storms and another Proclamation for February storms. He also requested a federal Major Disaster declaration from the President for the late January storms. As a result, our county needs to continue our local emergency Proclamation in order to be eligible for any new public agency disaster recovery costs for proclaim a new local emergency.

As a result of both the above situations – the contiguous damages since January 3 and the Governor’s two new State of Emergency Proclamations made March 7 - it is staff’s recommendation to continue the local Proclamation of emergency made by your Board on January 24, 2017.

As required by County Code Title 2, Chapter 2.80.070, the Board shall review, at least every thirty days until a local emergency is terminated, the need for continuing the local emergency and shall proclaim the termination of such local emergency at the earliest possible date.

No action is necessary for the Proclamation to remain in effect other than the approval of this agenda item.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

The initial process of requesting the Proclamation of Local Emergency included coordination between the County Administrative Office, County Counsel and the Clerk’s Office. The response, as well as recovery actions, are a countywide effort. The storm has affected many agencies throughout the county, and damage estimates have been received from various County departments, multiple jurisdictions throughout the county, including the incorporated cities of Pismo Beach, Grover Beach, Morro Bay, Arroyo Grande, Paso Robles and Atascadero; the CSDs of Cambria, Ground Squirrel Hollow, Independence Ranch, Squire Canyon and Templeton; Port San Luis Harbor District; and Cambria Healthcare District. The coordination of recovery efforts continues between affected departments/agencies and Cal OES and FEMA.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no direct costs related to continuing this Proclamation. While the Proclamation remains in effect, the county can continue to pursue state and federal assistance. As of March 8, only damages between the designated storm periods of January 3 - 12 and 18 - 25 may be eligible for reimbursement.

RESULTS

By continuing the Proclamation of Local Emergency, we will maintain eligibility for assistance should additional storm periods be identified.