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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Kerry Whitney for Minh Tran - County Executive Officer

County Executive Office

REPORT BY: Helene Franchi, Deputy County Executive Officer - 253-4820

SUBJECT: Ratification and Continuation of Proclamation of Local Emergency Stemming from Storm Events

and Request to the Governor for State Aid

RECOMMENDATION

County Executive Officer, acting as the Director of Emergency Services, requests adoption of:

- 1. Resolution ratifying the Proclamation of Local Emergency related to the storms that began on February 26, 2019; and
- 2. Resolution requesting the Governor to provide state aid under the California Disaster Assistance Act.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The resolutions will ratify and continue the proclamation of local emergency and formally request the Governor to provide state aid under the California Disaster Assistance Act.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? Yes
Is it currently budgeted? No

What is the revenue source? Potential state and federal cost reimbursement.

Is it Mandatory or Discretionary? Discretionary

Discretionary Justification: The damage to public property from the recent storms is significant and

repairs are beyond the resources of the County's existing budget. Declaring a

local emergency and making a request for aid under the California Disaster Assistance Act, in coordination with similar requests from other public entities across the state, will encourage the Governor to make available state recovery aid to the Napa community and enable the County to request similar additional assistance from the federal government. Adoption of these resolutions could potentially provide reimbursement of County and other local entity costs.

Is the general fund affected? Yes

Future fiscal impact: The future fiscal impact is unknown at this time, since the extent of damages

and timelines for repair are still being determined.

Consequences if not approved: Failure to declare a local emergency and approve the request to the State

could inhibit the County and other entities' ability to secure assistance under

the California Disaster Assistance Act and other sources.

Additional Information:

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Throughout February and early March 2019 heavy rains, saturated ground, and caused roads to wash out, trees to topple, and creek banks to be washed out, damaging and endangering public infrastructure. As set forth in the attached proclamation, the County Executive Officer proclaimed a local emergency pursuant to Government Code Section 8630 and Napa County Code Section 2.80.060(A)(2) as of March 12, 2019 based on conditions of a disaster that occurred as of February 26, 2019. The local emergency status must be ratified by the Board through the first of the two requested resolutions in order to continue the emergency and must further be reviewed at least every 30 days thereafter by the Board to determine the need for continuance and/or termination. Requests to continue the emergency may, therefore, be on future Board agendas for your consideration and/or action.

In addition to the act of declaring an emergency, the County and other public entities are unable to absorb the cost impacts of this disaster within existing resources and budgets. The full extent of damage to private property and public property of local cities and other governmental agencies is still being assessed and not yet known.

The Board is requested to adopt the second of the attached resolutions to request the State to provide aid pursuant to the California Disaster Assistance Act. The state aid would provide assistance for the restoration of public facilities and will enable Napa County to request potential federal assistance.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- A. Resolution
- B. Exh A Proclamation

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi