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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Britt Ferguson for Nancy Watt - County Executive Officer
Emergency Services
REPORT BY: Patti DeWeese, Staff Services Analyst, 253-4197
SUBJECT: Resolution Extending Proclamation of Local Emergency

RECOMMENDATION

County Executive Officer/Director of Emergency Services requests adoption of a resolution extending the Proclamation of Local Emergency declared by the Assistant County Executive Officer acting as the Director of Emergency Services on December 30, 2005 and confirmed by the Board of Supervisors by Resolution No. 06-02 on January 3, 2006.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In order to continue the Proclamation of Local Emergency proclaimed on December 30, 2005 and confirmed by the Board of Supervisors at a special meeting on January 3, 2006, it is necessary to return to the Board every 14 days (21 days if the Board is not holding a regularly scheduled meeting) to review the need for continuing the local emergency.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

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

The Assistant County Executive Officer executed a Proclamation of Local Emergency on Friday, December 30, 2005 due to winter storms with associated severe flooding in the County of Napa. The Board of Supervisors confirmed and continued the Proclamation of Local Emergency by adopting Resolution No. 06-02 at a special meeting of the Board on January 3, 2006. In order for the Local Emergency to remain in effect, the Board must review the need for continuing the Local Emergency every 14 days (21 days if the a regular meeting is not scheduled). On January 24, February 7 and 28, March 14 and 28, 2006 the Board adopted Resolution Nos. 06-15, 06-29, 06-38, 06-49 and 06-60, respectively, further extending the original Proclamation of Local Emergency to April 11, 2006.

The flood waters have receded throughout Napa County, however the County is still experiencing unstable weather conditions, reservoirs that are at capacity and saturated watersheds. Repairs of damage caused by the New Year's Eve flooding are still taking place.

As long as the local declaration is active, it reinforces the County's eligibility for disaster assistance. The County of Napa was included in the Gubernatorial Declaration issued January 2, 2006 and the subsequent federal disaster declaration made by the President at the request of the Governor.

As a result of the New Year's Eve flood event, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), through their Emergency Watershed Program, has approved funding for two emergency repair projects. In order to qualify as an emergency project, a determination must be made that there is imminent threat of property damage (i.e. to a structure) and the resulting damages would be greater than the cost of the repairs. The two approved projects are (1) one private residence, and (2) the St. Helena Hospital wastewater ponds. The local declaration of emergency must be in effect while these NRCS projects are being completed. The projects are just reaching completion, however due to the continued winter rains, staff is recommending that the Board further extend the Proclamation of Local Emergency an additional two weeks to April 25, 2006.

Staff will return to the Board on April 25, 2006 to request termination of the Proclamation of Local Emergency.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . Resolution Extending Local Emergency

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Karen Gratton