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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
County Executive Office
REPORT BY: Nancy Watt, County Executive Officer, 253-4421
SUBJECT: Resolution Requesting Governor Proclaim a State of Emergency

RECOMMENDATION

County Executive Officer and Emergency Services Manager request adoption of a resolution requesting the Governor to proclaim a State of Emergency in Napa County related to the ongoing winter and spring storms which have continued since the local emergency was proclaimed by the Assistant County Executive Officer on December 30, 2005 and confirmed by the Board of Supervisors on January 3, 2006.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On January 3, 2006 your Board confirmed and continued a proclamation of local emergency declared by the Assistant County Executive Officer on December 30, 2005, due to the New Year's Eve flood event. On January 2, 2006 the Governor declared a State of Emergency in Napa County, followed later by a Presidential declaration.

Winter and spring storms have continued to occur since the New Year's Eve flood, causing new and increased damage to public and private infrastructure, particularly the County road system. The continuing storms have also impaired the local ability to complete repairs to damage previously caused during the initial flood event.

Therefore, staff is requesting the Board adopt a resolution requesting the Governor again proclaim a State of Emergency in Napa County for the ongoing winter and spring storms, for the period January 4, 2006 to the present.

FISCAL IMPACT

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| Is there a Fiscal Impact? | Yes |
| Is it currently budgeted? | No |
| What is the revenue source? | This is the result of continued severe winter and spring storms creating damage to County infrastructure, particularly the road system. The current |

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| | estimated damage is approximately \$1,600,000. Adoption of this resolution could potentially lead to State reimbursement of County and other local costs. |
| Is it Mandatory or Discretionary? | Discretionary |
| Discretionary Justification: | Approving this request for a gubernatorial State of Emergency may lead to the ability of the County and other local entities to obtain State reimbursement. |
| Is the general fund affected? | Yes |
| Future fiscal impact: | Future fiscal impacts are unknown at this time. |
| Consequences if not approved: | Approval of the resolution may allow the County to obtain State reimbursement for public and individual assistance. |
| Additional Information: | None |

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

On December 30, 2005, the Napa County Assistant Executive Officer proclaimed a local emergency, confirmed by the Board on January 3, 2006. The Governor declared a State of Emergency on January 2, 2006 followed by a Presidential declaration a few weeks later. The Proclamation of Local Emergency has been extended numerous times by the Board in order for the local emergency to remain open and in effect, allowing repair and mitigation projects to continue under its umbrella. The State and Presidential declarations covered the flood event through January 3, 2006, but are no longer in effect.

Ongoing severe winter and spring storms have continued unabated, causing new damage and the threat of additional damage to dams, public and private wastewater systems, other public and private infrastructure and, in particular, the County road system, as well as impairing the local ability to repair damage previously caused during the New Year's Eve flood event thus resulting in an ongoing threat to the health, safety and welfare of residents, visitors and businesses in Napa County.

The continued storms with rainfall beyond traditional normal seasonal levels has damaged many segments of the County road system. Mudslides have impacted segments of Diamond Mountain, Mount Veeder, Wooden Valley, Chiles Pope Valley, Steele Canyon, Sunnyside and Berryessa/Knoxville Roads. Washouts have impacted segments of Redwood Road, Silverado Trail and Dry Creek Road. Other segments of Chiles Pope Valley, Redwood and Mount Veeder Roads have been impacted by subterranean movements of adjacent property which has caused "boils" to develop on the roadway.

The preliminary financial impact of this damage is estimated at \$1.6 million; however, staff is still in the process of identifying the full impact of the damage caused to the road system.

A gubernatorial State of Emergency will allow the County to apply for reimbursement of a portion of the costs associated with the winter and spring storm events.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . Resolution Requesting Governor Proclaim a State of Emergency

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Maiko Klieman