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WAYNE FORSYTHE

DISTRICT I
DISTRICT V
DISTRICT II
DISTRICT III
DISTRICT IV

ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES

January 11, 2023

SPECIAL MEETING

A. 1:18 PM Called to Order

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Danette Toso	District III Supervisor	Present	1:15 PM
Shannon Poe	District II Supervisor	Present	1:15 PM
Rosemarie Smallcombe	District I Supervisor	Present	1:15 PM
Wayne Forsythe	District IV Supervisor	Present	1:15 PM
Miles Menetrey	District V Supervisor	Present	1:15 PM

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Smallcombe led the pledge.

C. Regular Agenda

1. Sheriff's Office RES-2023-1

Adopt a Resolution Ratifying the January 5, 2023 Proclamation by the Director of Emergency Services of the County of Mariposa, State of California, Proclaiming the Existence of a Local Emergency

Jeremy Briese/Sheriff introduced the item noting on December 27th, 2022, the County was impacted by an atmospheric river event in which 15.1 inches were accumulated Countywide, and 19.6 inches were accumulated in the Oak Fire burn scar. Sheriff Briese expressed how proud he was of his team and County partners. He noted there were two deaths, road damage, and property damage caused by this event, along with 5300 homes that experienced electrical outages. Sheriff Briese reminded the public to follow the media outlets from the Sheriff's office as well as sign up for Mariposa Alerts and Everbridge. Sheriff Briese also noted that his team has been assisting Merced County. Supervisor Forsythe noted that the Superintendent of Schools called and said expressed that the collaboration with the Sheriff and other County departments had been excellent. In response to a question from Chair

Smallcombe, Sheriff Briese confirmed that 19.6 inches of rain were received in the Oak Fire burn scar and gave a shoutout to Hanford Weather Service for their collaboration. In response to another question from Chair Smallcombe, Sheriff Briese noted that the remediation done in the burn scar prepared us as well as we could have been but with the amount of water received, there still was damage reported.

Shannon Hansen/Public Works Director thanked her staff for kicking butt, working night and day, and with limited staff and resources. She noted emergency repairs were underway, and some of the emergency repairs would wrap up that week. She also noted that all permanent repairs would begin the coming spring. Director Hansen announced to the Board and listening public that Allred Road was a full washout and the repairs would be completed in a few days, Oak Road Bridge was closed, and they have a plan but have to wait for the water to recede; Worman Road was a full wash out and should be repaired the following Friday. She thanked the public for reaching out and encouraged them to continue. She noted her department oversees 560+ miles of roads which include thousands of culverts and having the public eyes are helpful. Supervisor Poe, on behalf of District Two, thanked the roads crew for their work as he saw them out at 4:00 AM and they were still working at noon.

Sheriff Briese noted the proclamation is to receive reimbursement funding for damages which is currently estimated at \$3 million.

Wes Smith/OES Coordinator expounded on Chair Smallcombe's second question noting eight areas were identified in the Watershed Emergency Response Team (WERT) and the measures made for those areas help. He noted that given the closeness to the Oak Fire, no erosion measure would be 100% effective. He also noted they worked with Brian Mattos and Cal OES Erosion whom both expressed that our county had done everything they could and it was now in mother nature's hands.

Dallin Kimble/County Administrative Officer noted that for a State Proclaimed Emergency, under the California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) the State pays 75%, and the County's share is generally 25% with a 10% share for administrative costs. He noted we get roughly 82.5% of our cost reimbursed. Mr. Kimble noted when there is a presidential declaration, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) gets involved, they pay 75% of our cost, CDAA will also pay 75% of what is left we generally pay 6%. He noted the declarations and proclamation have significant implications for repairs. Regarding a question from Supervisor Forsythe, Mr. Kimble noted the County does have to pay for the repairs; then we submit the invoices for reimbursement which could take 60-90 days. Shannon Hansen answered a second question for Supervisor Forsythe noting all bridges that were damaged in the 2017-2018 floods fared well except the Oak Road Bridge which sustain some damage. Mr. Kimble noted to the listening public that there is not much support that the County can give to private roads and bridges. He also noted that sometimes FEMA and/or CDAA will give grants for damage done to private roads and bridges and stated if that occurs, messaging will be done to get the word out to the public.

No public comment.

Supervisor Menetrey noted he does not believe that public members realize the effort County staff had put into this emergency. He noted that will nearly 20 inches of rain in the burn scar, over 500 miles of roads, thousands of culverts, and our Public Works staff woefully understaffed, this was a team effort that was impressive. He also thanked Liz Darcy/Public Information Officer for her part in pushing out important information to the public.

RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Wayne Forsythe, District IV Supervisor
SECONDER: Miles Menetrey, District V Supervisor
AYES: Toso, Poe, Smallcombe, Forsythe, Menetrey

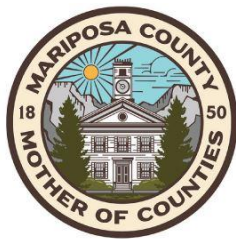
D. Adjournment

1:50 PM Chair Smallcombe adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

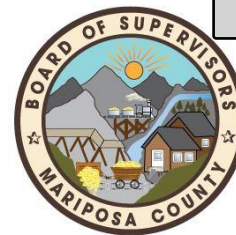
Danielle Bondshu
Clerk of the Board

Rosemarie Smallcombe
Chair, Board of Supervisors



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RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2023-1

MEETING: January 11, 2023

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeremy Briese, Sheriff

RE: Ratifying Proclamation of a Local Emergency Due to Atmospheric River in December 2022

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Adopt a Resolution Ratifying the January 5th, 2023, Proclamation by the Director of Emergency Services of the County of Mariposa, State of California, Proclaiming the Existence of a Local Emergency.

An extreme storm beginning on December 27th, 2022, caused ongoing damage to the County and other public and district facilities, including but not limited to roads, bridges, and structure/s/ within Mariposa County.

Damaged infrastructure continues to be discovered and will likely occur for many more days, including debris removal, roadway and other infrastructure repairs, and continued damage assessment and repair

On January 5th, 2022, Sheriff Jeremy Briese, acting as the Director of Emergency Services pursuant to Mariposa County Code Section 2.80.040, issued the attached Proclamation declaring a local emergency.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 8630, whenever a local emergency is proclaimed by an official designated by ordinance, the local emergency shall not remain in effect for a period in excess of seven days unless it has been ratified by the Governing Board.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board has ratified similar proclamations in the past during other emergencies.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If the Board does not ratify the proclamation, the County will not be eligible for possible State or Federal disaster assistance.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

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ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution Ratifying Proclamation due to Atmospheric Event (PDF)
Proclamation of Local Emergency - Atmospheric Weather - January 2023 (PDF)

RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**

MOVER: Wayne Forsythe, District IV Supervisor

SECONDER: Miles Menetrey, District V Supervisor

AYES: Toso, Poe, Smallcombe, Forsythe, Menetrey

MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY AND REQUESTING STATE AND/OR FEDERAL RESOURCES TO ASSIST WITH RECOVERY EFFORTS

WHEREAS, Section 8630 of the Government Code mandates that a local emergency may be proclaimed by the governing body of a local agency, or, if it has been previously declared by an official designated by the governing body, such local emergency must be ratified within 7 days by the governing body of the local agency; and

WHEREAS, Mariposa County has already been adversely impacted by the effects of multiple other local emergencies over the past two years such as the Oak Fire, COVID-19, Tree Mortality, Drought, and the Mono Wind Event, that have strained and depleted County resources; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services does hereby find that conditions have arisen which threaten the safety of persons and property within Mariposa County as a result of an atmospheric river causing consecutive and extreme winter storms; and

WHEREAS, starting on December 27th, 2022, these extreme storms are causing ongoing damage to the County and other public and district facilities, including but not limited to roads, bridges, and structure/sf within Mariposa County, the extent of which has not been completely compiled; and

WHEREAS, damaged infrastructure continues to be discovered and will likely occur for many more days, including debris removal, roadway and other infrastructure repairs, and continued damage assessment and repair; and

WHEREAS, the County of Mariposa has already deployed all available resources and future impactful rain and snowfall is predicted; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Jeremy Briese, acting as the director of emergency services, proclaimed the existence of a local emergency on January 5, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the County is seeking financial assistance from the California Office of Emergency Services Director or the Office of the Governor of the State of California under the California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) program.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a local emergency now exists throughout the County of Mariposa; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of this County shall be those prescribed by state law, and by ordinances and resolutions of this County; and that this emergency proclamation shall expire 7 days after issuance unless confirmed and ratified by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Director of Emergency Services, or his designee, is hereby designated as the local Hazard Mitigation Coordinator of the County of Mariposa for the purpose of assessing damage within Mariposa County and consulting with federal/state survey teams about hazard mitigation actions; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Director of Emergency Services, or his designee, is hereby designated as the authorized representative for public assistance, and the Director of Emergency

Services, or his designee, is hereby designated as the authorized representative for individual assistance of the County of Mariposa for purpose of receipt, processing, and coordination of all inquiries and requirements necessary to obtain available state and federal assistance.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa, a political subdivision of the State of California, this 10th day of January 2023, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

, Chair
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DANIELLE BONDSHU
Clerk of the Board

STEVEN W. DAHLEM
County Counsel

**PROCLAMATION BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY OF
MARIPOSA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL
EMERGENCY AND REQUESTING STATE AND/OR FEDERAL RESOURCES TO ASSIST
WITH RECOVERY EFFORTS**

WHEREAS, Section 8630 of the Government Code and Chapter 2.80 of the Mariposa County Code empower the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when said County is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the County Board of Supervisors is not in session; and

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Dated: January 5th, 2023

By: 
JEREMY BRIESE
Director of Emergency Services

ATTEST:


DANIELLE BONDSHU
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:


STEVEN W. DAHLEM
County Counsel