

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2447 of the County of Humboldt empowers the Director of the Office of Emergency Services, or the Director's authorized representative, 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 Board of Supervisors are not in session; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services for the County of Humboldt, Sheriff William Honsal, does hereby find:

That an imminent threat to public safety and public and private property exists within said county, caused by major slip out of Panther Gap Road at PM .50 following a severe weather event, commencing on or about the 20 day of January, 2019, and such impacts and damages exceed available county resources; and

That the closure of Panther Gap Road has effectively cut off 10 residents/households, from essential emergency services, such as fire, medical and law enforcement; and there is no detour available. This is a 2016-17 FEMA approved site, **PA-09-CA-4301-PW-00909-HUHCC11 Panther Gap Road at PM 0.50**. The County is working on establishing a detour route around the slip out. A potential detour route that the County is exploring is extremely steep with a series of switch back curves that will require the use of 4 wheel drive vehicles in which emergency vehicles will not be able to negotiate. Other, alternative routes may be available within Humboldt Redwoods State Park; the initial damage assessment is 1.5 million dollar and is expected to rise; and

That the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt is not in session and cannot immediately be called into session;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a Local Emergency now exists throughout the County of Humboldt; and

The County of Humboldt requests all available response and recovery assistance from the State of California and its agencies, including the California Public Utilities Commission, and the United States government and its agencies, as deemed appropriate by the Governor of California, including funding under the California Disaster Assistance Act and federal Stafford Act; 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, by (charter) ordinances, and resolutions of this county, and by the County of Humboldt Emergency Operations Plan, as approved by the Board of Supervisors on April 7, 2015, until its termination is proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt, State of California.

Dated:

1/29/2019

By:



Sheriff William F. Honsal III