



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 5/7/2019

File #: 19-684

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Sheriff

Agenda Section: Consent

SUBJECT:

Termination of Local Emergency - Severe Weather

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt Resolution No. _____ to terminate the local emergency that occurred around Jan. 20.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

General Fund

DISCUSSION:

Beginning on or around Jan. 20, 2019, Humboldt County experienced damage from a strong winter storm event. The storm brought heavy rain and wind, referred to as an atmospheric river, to an already saturated area of the North Coast of California, and the impacts and damages exceed available county resources.

The heavy rain resulted in, among other damages, closure of Panther Gap Road, which effectively cut off 10 resident/households from essential emergency services, such as fire, medical and law enforcement. There was no detour available. This is a 2016-17 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)-approved site, and the county has since established a temporary detour road and has ended the shuttle service it was providing for those who needed to access the cut off areas. Humboldt County Public Works Department and the California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) performed a validation visit for the initial damage estimate and CalOES has submitted its recommendation for disaster funding to Governor Newsom. Terminating the local emergency proclamation will have no impact on the county's eligibility at this point for recovering funding assistance.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The emergency proclamation ratified by your Board on Feb. 5 allowed the county to request funding from the state and federal governments. Terminating the local emergency at this point will have no impact on the county's eligibility for this funding, and therefore will have no impact on the General

Fund.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports your Board's Strategic Framework by providing for and maintaining infrastructure .

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

State of California and United States

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board of Supervisors may choose not to deny the request to terminate the declaration of a local emergency, however, this is not recommended as the emergency declaration is a temporary proclamation, and should be terminated or extended within 30 days of ratification.

ATTACHMENTS:

1 - Resolution Terminating the Existence of a Local Emergency

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: C-30, C-19, C-21

Meeting of: 2/5/19, 3/5/19, 3/26,19

File No.: 19-174, 19-251, 19-434