



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 3/26/2024

File #: 24-338

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Sheriff

Agenda Section: Consent

SUBJECT:

Resolution Extending the Existence of a Local Emergency Due to Flooding in Humboldt County

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorize the Chair to sign the resolution extending the local emergency; and
2. Forward a copy of this signed resolution to the Governor of the State of California with the request that he proclaim the County of Humboldt to still be in a state of emergency.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

General Fund (1100)

DISCUSSION:

On Jan. 23, 2024, the Board ratified the Proclamation declaring the existence of a Local Emergency commencing around Jan. 12, 2024 due to historic flooding of the Mad River, combined with countywide flooding of small creeks and streams caused by an atmospheric river, causing extensive damage to local infrastructure, damaging numerous culverts, causing slip outs, cracking and degradation of county roads, and damaging numerous private residences, businesses and agricultural land.

Due to the extent of damage countywide, Department of Public Works crews are actively engaged in conducting emergency road repairs, exploring options for alternative routes, and cleaning up storm and flood debris along public rights of way.

This Local Emergency Proclamation is a prerequisite to requesting state and federal assistance for the flood-related response and recovery efforts.

The conditions due to flooding in Humboldt County continues to exist and necessitates the need to extend the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The adoption of the resolution allows for the county to seek state and federal funding that may be applicable, which may include funding from the California Public Utilities Commission, the California Disaster Assistance Act and the Stafford Act.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

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

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

State of California, United States Federal Government.

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board of Supervisors may choose not to ratify the proclamation, however, that would preclude the county from seeking outside assistance emergency programs to provide funding for storm damage response efforts.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution Extending the Existence of a Local Emergency
2. Local Emergency Proclamation for the 2024 Humboldt January Floods

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: N/A

Meeting of: N/A

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