



# COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

C-11

For the meeting of: February 21, 2017

Date: February 14, 2017  
To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Michael T. Downey, Sheriff/Coroner  
Subject: Local Emergency Proclamation

### RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Approve Resolution No. 17-20 (Attachment 1) confirming the existence of a local emergency following the February 4-14, 2017 winter storm event.

### SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Emergency Management Grant Program and General Fund

### DISCUSSION:

On February 4, 2017, Humboldt County began experiencing damage from a strong winter storm events. The storms exacerbated numerous roads already severely impacted by previous storms in December 2016 and January 2017. Although final evaluation has not yet been completed for the February storms, damage estimates to county roads prior to this event exceed \$7.6M. In addition, the Agriculture Commission has provided preliminary estimates of approximately \$10M in loss to agricultural producers.

Prepared by Debra Hayes  
Deputy Director Sheriffs Admin

CAO Approval

REVIEW: Signature  
Auditor \_\_\_\_\_ County Counsel \_\_\_\_\_ Human Resources \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF ITEM:  
 Consent  
 Departmental  
 Public Hearing  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT  
Upon motion of Supervisor Fennell  
Seconded by Supervisor Sundberg

Ayes Fennell, Sundberg, Bohn

Nays

Abstain

Absent Wilson

And carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this report.

Dated: February 21, 2017

By: Patsy Hayes  
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting of: \_\_\_\_\_

Pursuant to Humboldt County Ordinance 2447, Sheriff Michael Downey as Director of the Office of Emergency Services issued a Proclamation of Local Emergency (Attachment 2), finding that damages to public property, including critical transportation routes, have been incurred as a result of the February 4-14, 2017 storm events. Such damages exceed available county resources and adoption of the Board resolution (Attachment 1) will allow the county to seek state and federal resources to make repairs to the damaged infrastructure.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The adoption of the resolution allows for the county to seek state and federal reimbursement for storm damage repairs. The amount of funding depends on the agencies that assist, including the State of California and the Federal Government.

Staff costs for preparation of the resolution to confirm the Local Emergency Proclamation are covered by Emergency Management Grant Program (EMPG) funds in budget unit 1100-274 at 50 percent, with 50 percent coming from the General Fund.

The Humboldt County Emergency Operations Plan meets the Board of Supervisors Strategic Framework Plan by ensuring a safe and healthy community to protect residents.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

State of California and United States

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board of Supervisors may choose not to confirm the Proclamation of a Local Emergency, however, that would preclude the county from seeking outside assistance from emergency programs to provide funding for road repairs.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1      Resolution Confirming the Existence of a Local Emergency

Attachment 2      Proclamation of a Local Emergency Due to February 2017 Storm Damages as Executed by Sheriff Michael T. Downey on February 14, 2017

Attachment 1

Proposed Resolution Confirming the Existence of a Local Emergency

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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RESOLUTION NO. 17-20

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY AND REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR PROCLAIM A STATE OF EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance No. 2447 of the County of Humboldt empowers the Board of Supervisors 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

**WHEREAS**, said Board of Supervisors does hereby find:

1. That conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within said county, caused by severe weather and flooding commencing on or about the 4th day of February 2017; and
2. That the aforesaid conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a Local Emergency; and
3. It has now been found that local resources are unable to cope with the effects of said Emergency.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED** that a Local Emergency now exists throughout said county; and

**BE IT 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> of April 2015, until its termination is proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt, State of California; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED** that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Director of the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services with the request that any and all funding sources, including California Disaster Assistance Act funding, be made available to assist in the recovery of the Operational Area; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED** that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Governor of the State of California with the request that he proclaim the County of Humboldt to be in a State of Emergency and request federal declarations and recovery assistance as deemed appropriate; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Humboldt County Sheriff, Director of Emergency Operations, is hereby designated as the authorized representative for public and/or individual assistance of the County of Humboldt for the purpose of receipt, processing, and coordination of all inquiries and requirements necessary to obtain available State assistance for this Local Emergency.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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RESOLUTION NO. 17-20

Dated: February 21, 2017

Virginia Bass  
VIRGINIA BASS, Chair  
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

Adopted on motion by Supervisor Fennell, seconded by Supervisor Sundberg, and the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Sundberg, Fennell, Bass, Bohn  
NAYS: Supervisors --  
ABSENT: Supervisors Wilson  
ABSTAIN: Supervisors --

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
County of Humboldt )

I, KATHY HAYES, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Humboldt, State of California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be an original made in the above-entitled matter by said Board of Supervisors at a meeting held in Eureka, California.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Board of Supervisors.

Brooke Eberhardt  
By BROOKE EBERHARDT  
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the  
County of Humboldt, State of California

Attachment 2

Proclamation of a Local Emergency Due to February 2017 Storm Damages  
Executed by Sheriff Michael T. Downey on February 14, 2017



# HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## PROCLAMATION 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 the Office of Emergency Services of the County of Humboldt, Sheriff Michael T. Downey, does hereby find:

That damages to public property, including critical transportation routes, have been incurred within said county caused by storms and flooding commencing on or about the 4th day of February, 2017, and such damages exceed available county resources; 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 recovery assistance from the State of California, including California Disaster Assistance Act funding, and from the United States government and its agencies, as deemed appropriate by the Governor of California; 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 7 April 2015, until its termination is proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt, State of California.

By:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael T. Downey".  
Sheriff/Coroner Michael T. Downey  
Director of Emergency Services  
County of Humboldt

Dated:

2/14/17