



# COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

## Legislation Text

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** Sheriff

**Agenda Section:** Consent

**SUBJECT:**

Ratification of Local Emergency Proclamation for Briceland Thorn Road

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Ratify the resolution proclaiming the existence of a local emergency caused by culvert failure on Briceland Thorn Road (Attachment 1).

**SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

Road Fund

**DISCUSSION:**

Culvert failure damage has occurred at Briceland Thorn Road, Mile Marker 11.20 in the John B. Dewitt Redwoods California State Natural Reserve Park. This failure could cause an immediate road closure. The subsequent road closure would divert thousands of residents that this road services daily. Utilizing an existing alternative route would cause public safety personnel a 40-minute delay and would require them to navigate a one lane gravel road through steep hill country outside of Garberville and Redway. In the event an immediate road closure occurs, it would result in a life safety issue for the residents in this area.

Humboldt County Public Works is establishing a plan to detour traffic around the point of failure before such time that an immediate road closure occurs. The identified detour route is on Old Briceland Road and would require extensive maintenance and repair as well as employing flagging personnel and pilot vehicles. This emergency declaration is necessary to pave the way for the county to immediately start this necessary repair work for the detour route.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The county is currently working with the California State Parks to fix the damaged culvert before catastrophic failure of an immediate road closure. California State Parks are responsible for this emergency road repair in the State Park. The initial estimate of the cost for the detour on Old Briceland Road is over \$400,000. For emergency repairs to make the road usable for increased traffic and for a pilot car and flaggers. The funds will be covered under Road Maintenance (1200-325).

There will be no impact to 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 State Parks

**ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Board of Supervisors may choose not to ratify the Resolution, however, that would preclude the county from immediately starting the necessary repair work.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Resolution proclaiming the existence of a local emergency due to culvert failure on Briceland Thorn Road as executed by Sheriff William F. Honsal on November 4, 2019.

**PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:**

Board Order No.: N/A

Meeting of: N/A

File No.: N/A