

**PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY BY THE DIRECTOR OF
EMERGENCY SERVICES OF THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**

WHEREAS, Government Code section 8630 and Chapter 2.46 of the Santa Mateo County Ordinance Code authorize the Director of Emergency Services ("Director") of the County of San Mateo ("County") to proclaim a local emergency when the County is threatened by conditions of disaster or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the territorial limits of the County that are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the County and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat, and the Board of Supervisors is not in session; and

WHEREAS, the Director hereby finds the following:

Conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the County due to the following:

Extreme and unprecedented levels of rainfall in the San Francisco Bay Area, which meteorologists referred to as an "atmospheric river," occurred over the New Year's Eve weekend. In particular, during the twenty-four- hour period beginning early on New Year's Eve Day, an average of approximately 5.8 inches of rain fell in San Mateo County.

This extraordinary level of rainfall and associated severe weather have resulted in flooding and other impacts that have created conditions of disaster and extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within both the unincorporated and incorporated areas of San Mateo County.

Among other things, vehicle traffic has been seriously disrupted, with major roads within the County of San Mateo intermittently closed by the severe weather. Highway 101 was closed in both directions due to flooding for a significant period of time at the Brisbane Causeway. Highways 1, 35, 84, and 92 have also been subject to closure owing to the extreme rain and associated severe weather. Also, several underpasses have flooded, including those at Holly Street, in San Carlos and at Harbor Boulevard, in Belmont.

Other public services, including sewer treatment plant facilities, have been put at risk of failure by the weather. Also, Pescadero Creek Road has flooded, which has required CalFire to move one of the engines ordinarily located at the fire station on Pescadero Creek Road to the Pescadero High School campus, with another remaining at the station in order to ensure acceptable emergency responses to the Town of Pescadero, in spite of the flooding.

Further, the trailer home community at 100 Harbor Boulevard, in Belmont, has suffered from severe flooding, resulting in the need to evacuate all of the approximately 100 units in the park. Likewise, the Moonridge farmworker housing community in unincorporated

Half Moon Bay, has also suffered from flooding, resulting in the need to evacuate several units in the community.

More rain and associated severe weather are expected in the San Francisco Bay Area over the next week and meteorologists are anticipating that the area may see another “atmospheric river” event.

Specifically, the National Weather Service presently projects that it is possible that another approximately 3.4 inches of rain may fall in San Mateo County during the twenty-four-hour period beginning on the night of January 3, 2023.

These conditions are beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the County and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors is not in session, and cannot immediately be called into session; and

WHEREAS, during a local emergency, the Director of Emergency Services or other individual authorized to serve in that capacity under Chapter 2.46 of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code is empowered by that chapter of the Ordinance Code to issue rules and regulations on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property as affected by such emergency; provided, however, that such rules and regulations must be confirmed at the earliest possible time by the Board of Supervisors.

NOW THEREFORE, the Director of Emergency Services hereby takes the following actions:

1. Proclaims that a local emergency, as defined in Government Code Section 8558 and Chapter 2.46 of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code, now exists within the County; and

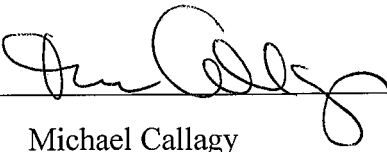
2. Directs that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of the County shall be those prescribed by State law, by ordinance, and by resolution of this County; and

3. Requests that the Governor of the State of California proclaim a State of Emergency for the County of San Mateo and request a federal declaration to provide assistance including, but not limited to, California Disaster Assistance Act (GDAA), Federal Individual Assistance Act, and U.S. Small Business Administration Disaster Declaration, to assist with losses and emergency repairs required by the County and affected cities and special districts within the County.

This proclamation of local emergency shall expire seven (7) days after issuance unless it has been ratified by the Board of Supervisors.

Date: 1/2/23

Time: 3:24 pm

By: 

Michael Callagy

County Executive /Director of Emergency Services