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

WHEREAS, Section 8630 of the Government Code and Chapter 2.46 of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code authorize the Director of Emergency Services ("Director") of the County of San Mateo ("County") to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when the County faces or 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:

The Pacifica Municipal Pier ("Pier") of the City of Pacifica ("Pacifica") was originally built in 1973 and since 2004 has served residents of the County and the broader region as a public fishing, crabbing, and whale-watching and tourism destination.

On Thursday, June 4, 2026, Pacifica was notified of damage to the Pier. Pacifica's Public Works Engineering and Field Services staff responded to the notification and inspected the Pier and found cracking, separation, and displacement of the concrete walkway and structural elements near the abutment and the former location of the Chit Chat Cafe on the Pier (collectively, the "Conditions").

The Pacifica City Manager determined that these Conditions are beyond the capability of control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City of Pacifica, and that the Conditions require the combined forces of other political subdivisions and the Governor of the State of California to address.

On June 5, 2026, the Pacifica City Manager, in his capacity as Pacifica's Director of Emergency Services, proclaimed the existence of local emergency in Pacifica.

Later on June 5, 2026, the Pacifica City Manager issued an order to close the Pier and the area within 100 feet of the beach area in and around the north and south sides of the Pier in order to protect public safety and health.

On June 8, 2026, the City Council of the City of Pacifica unanimously ratified and approved Pacifica's proclamation of a local emergency.

Since June 5, 2026, the condition of the Pier continued to worsen, and the building in which the Chit Chat Cafe was located was demolished.

The damage to the Pier negatively impacts Pacifica, the County, and the broader region by reducing coastal access and recreational opportunities, including fishing, crabbing, and whale-watching and tourism activities on the coast, thereby also impacting the County's and the region's economy.

These Conditions are beyond the control and response capabilities of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the County and they 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, whenever a local emergency is proclaimed by the Director, the local emergency shall not remain in effect for a period in excess of seven days after that unless the proclamation has been ratified by the Board of Supervisors within that seven-day period.

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

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

2. Requests that the Governor of the State of California proclaim a State of Emergency for the City of Pacifica in the County of San Mateo because, in the opinion of the Director, the locally available resources are inadequate to cope with the emergency; and further on the basis that the circumstances described in Section 8558 of the Government Code constituting a Local Emergency exist, and the Governor is hereby requested to make such proclamation pursuant to Section 8625 of the Government Code.

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

Date: 06-18-2026 By:

Michael Callagy

Time: 9:50 AM County Executive / Director of Emergency Services