



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Sheriff's Office



Date: January 20, 2015
Board Meeting Date: February 24, 2015
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Greg Munks, Sheriff

Subject: Renewal of Local State of Emergency for December 2014 Storms

RECOMMENDATION:

Continue the Emergency Proclamation relating to the 2014 Statewide December Storms to the existence of a local weather emergency resulting from severe flooding, referred to as December 11-12, 2014 Storms, which still exists and continues to be an emergency, for an additional period in accordance with Government Code section 8630.

BACKGROUND:

On December 19, 2014 this Board, in accordance with Government Code 8630, ratified action by the Director of Emergency Services proclaiming a local severe weather emergency. The action was taken as a result of heavy rainfall, severe flooding and runoff in the areas of Broadmoor Village, South San Francisco, San Bruno, Belmont, Redwood City, and Pacifica from the December 11-12, 2014 storms, which caused conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the San Mateo County Operational Area.

DISCUSSION:

During the week of December 22, 2014, state and federal damage assessment teams toured the affected County areas, and re-estimated the initial damages at \$3,075,000. On January 2, 2015, the County received approval from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for a Disaster Declaration for the people affected by the December 11-12, 2014 storms. A Local Assistance Center was coordinated by San Mateo County Sheriff's OES and City of South San Francisco Fire/Emergency Management with assistance from California Office of Emergency Services to establish the center at 329 Miller Avenue in South San Francisco. During the Center's two-day operation, it saw 58 residents from Belmont, Redwood City and Pacifica. The Center was open until January 15, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. to assist residents seeking assistance and programs such as the SBA Disaster Loan Program. The renewal of the emergency

proclamation by the Board is necessary to maintain eligibility for state and federal financial assistance, and will be continued as long as the emergency remains in effect, which is anticipated to be through March 2015.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Renewal of the proclamation of the local severe weather emergency will continue to facilitate the reimbursement of expenses of individuals, cities, towns, special districts and the County within the Operational Areal for resources expended in the response to the storms. No additional discretionary general funding (zero net County cost) is anticipated as a result of the proclamation, and there is the potential of reimbursement under the California Disaster Assistance Act, as well as additional state or federal reimbursement.