

RENEWAL OF PROCLAMATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY WITHIN THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO RESULTING FROM STORMS COMMENCING JANUARY 3, 2017 AND CONTINUING

WHEREAS, beginning on January 3, 2017, the County of San Mateo has been hard hit by weeks of devastating and record-breaking rain and windstorms; and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Office of Emergency Services Duty Officer has been notified of widespread damage that has emerged County-wide due to the cumulative effects of the storm events described in this proclamation and that now require an emergency response; and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Operational Area Emergency Operations Center was activated on January 10, 2017 in anticipation of storm-related response activities and damage, and County Office of Emergency Services remains on duty; and

WHEREAS, these storms have continued since that time, creating hyper-saturated soils and other storm-related conditions that have led to, among other things, mudslides, slope and road failures, local flooding from creeks and streams overtopping their banks, windfall, and PG&E electrical infrastructure damage; and

WHEREAS, areas that have reported damage include, but are not limited to, Scenic Drive and Entrada Way Bridge in La Honda; multiple sites in Pescadero, including Gazos Creek Road and Cloverdale Road; Mirada Road near Magellan Avenue; Alpine Road in Los Trancos; Alpine Road in Ladera; Windsor Drive in Devonshire Canyon area; and multiple County Parks; and

WHEREAS, the storms have resulted in the need to truck water to County Service Area No. 7 (CSA), in La Honda, due to high and sustained turbidity of the creek water (the CSA's water source), which cannot be adequately treated; and

WHEREAS, storms since February 14, 2017 have added to damage in the County, including but not limited to Pescadero Creek, Butano Creek, Gazos Creek, and El Granada as listed in Exhibit A.

WHEREAS, continuing storms have added to damage in the County, as listed in Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, continuing storms have damaged other parts of the County Operational Area, including cities, towns, special districts and private nonprofit associations, as listed in Exhibit B, and roads/fire roads damages to San Mateo County Forestlands, as listed in Exhibit C; and

WHEREAS, the California Emergency Services Act requires local jurisdictions to adopt a proclamation in order to be eligible for State Assistance and/or California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) funding regarding Public Assistance and geotechnical assistance; and

WHEREAS, Section 8630(a) of the Government Code authorizes the Board of Supervisors to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when said County area is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity; and

WHEREAS, section 2.46.060(a)(2) and (3) of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code, empowers the County Manager as Director of Emergency Services (the “Director”) to control and direct the effort of emergency of the County, and direct cooperation between and coordination of services and staff of the emergency organization of the County and resolve questions of authority and responsibility that may arise under a declared emergency; and

WHEREAS, sections 2.46.060(a)(5) and (6) of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code empowers the Director to represent the County in all dealings with public agencies pertaining to emergencies as defined therein, and in the event of a proclamation of a “local emergency,” further empowers the Director to execute all of the special powers conferred upon him by said Chapter of the Ordinance Code, and any resolution, statute, or other lawful authority; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors does hereby find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within said County caused by the above referenced storms, and has implemented the San Mateo County Operational Area Emergency Plan and authorizes the Director to use available mutual aid resources from cities within the County; and

WHEREAS, these conditions are or have developed to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the County;

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors passed and adopted a proclamation of local emergency on February 14, 2017, and renewed the proclamation on February 28, March 14, March 28, April 11 and April 25, 2017; and the conditions giving rise to that proclamation continue to exist and have worsened;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AND PROCLAIMED that the local emergency described above continues to exist and shall continue to exist until this Board determined and proclaims that such local emergency no longer exists, subject to this Board's reviewing the need for continuing this proclamation of local emergency.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a duly noticed special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo held on this 2nd day of May, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS:

NOES:

ABSENT:

PRESIDENT, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

John L. Maltbie,
County Manager/ Clerk of the Board
Director of Emergency Services

Dated: _____