



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
County Manager's Office



Date: February 17, 2017
Board Meeting Date: February 28, 2017
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: John L. Maltbie, County Manager

Subject: Renewal of Local State of Emergency for Widespread Damage due to Storms Commencing in January 2017 and Continuing

RECOMMENDATION:

Continue the local state of emergency relating to widespread damage due to storms commencing in January 2017, which still exists and continues to be an emergency, in accordance with Government Code Section 8630 and Chapter 2.46 of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code.

BACKGROUND:

Beginning on or around January 3, 2017 the County has been hit hard by devastating and record-breaking weeks of rain and wind storms that have continued, creating hyper-saturated soils and other storm-related conditions that have led to, among other things, mudslides, slope failures, road failures, creeks and streams overtopping their banks causing local flooding, windfall and PG&E electrical infrastructure damage. The Emergency Operations Center was activated several times in anticipation of storm-related response activities and damage. On February 7, 2017, in accordance with Government Code Section 8630 and Chapter 2.46 of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code, the Board ratified an emergency proclamation for the County-administered Crystal Springs County Sanitation District, after severe storms caused a mudslide, damaging a sewage pipe behind the property at 1560 Seneca Lane.

DISCUSSION:

Widespread damage has emerged and continues to emerge County-wide due to the cumulative effects of these storms, and now requires an emergency response. Conditions have grown beyond the capabilities of County resources. Damaged locations include, but are not limited to, Scenic Drive and Entrada Way Bridge in La Honda, multiple sites in Pescadero, Mirada Road near Magellan Avenue, Alpine Road in Los Trancos, Alpine Road in Ladera, Windsor Drive in Devonshire Canyon area, County

Service Area No. 7 and multiple County Parks. The Board adopted the emergency proclamation on February 14, 2017.

The local emergency still exists, and conditions continue to worsen due to storms occurring between February 14-24, 2017, resulting in additional damage in areas including Pescadero Creek, Butano Creek, Gazos Creek and El Granada. This renewal of the emergency proclamation is necessary to maintain eligibility for state and federal financial assistance, and will be continued as long as the emergency remains in effect.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Renewal of the emergency proclamation will continue to facilitate reimbursement of expenses under the California Disaster Assistance Act, as well as additional state or federal reimbursement, for resources expended in response to these storms.