



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



**Date:** March 6, 2017  
**Board Meeting Date:** March 14, 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 and Increasing Damage due to Storms Commencing in January 2017 and Continuing

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Continue the local state of emergency relating to widespread and increasing 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.

Widespread damage continued to emerge County-wide due to the cumulative effects of the January and subsequent storms, and conditions grew beyond the capabilities of County resources. On February 14, 2017, the Board adopted an emergency proclamation for widespread and continuing damage County-wide due to storms commencing in January 2017, including but 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.

On February 28, 2017, the Board renewed the emergency proclamation for widespread and continuing damage County-wide due to storms occurring since February 14, 2017, including in Pescadero Creek, Butano Creek, Gazos Creek and El Granada.

**DISCUSSION – NEW DAMAGES:**

Widespread damage continues to emerge County-wide due to the cumulative effects of these disasterous storms. Exhibit A has been updated to include emerging damages since February 24, 2017. There have been road failures involving failing embankments at multiple locations on Old La Honda Road, and a failed sewer main resulting from ground movement within established sewer easement on Oak Knoll Drive in the Emerald Lakes Heights Sewer Maintenance District.

This renewal of the emergency proclamation recognizes existing damages and unrepaired conditions and ongoing imminent threats to undamaged public property and 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 Federal Emergency Management Agency and the California Disaster Assistance Act, as well as additional state or federal reimbursement, for resources expended in response to these storms.