



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: COUNTY MANAGER

File #: 16-196

Board Meeting Date: 6/6/2017

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:

Recommendation to 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.

On February 28, March 14, March 28, April 11, April 25, May 2, and May 16, 2017, the Board renewed the emergency proclamation for widespread and continuing damage County-wide due to storms occurring since February 14, 2017, as described in Exhibit A.

Exhibits B and C were added starting on March 28 to include storm damages in other jurisdictions in the San Mateo County Operational Area, and private property easements in forest areas that provide CAL FIRE and County Parks access.

DISCUSSION - NEW DAMAGES:

Widespread damage continues to emerge County-wide due to the cumulative effects of these storms, as described in Exhibit A for County responsibility areas, and Exhibits B and C for other jurisdictions in the San Mateo County Operational Area, and private property easements in forest areas.

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.