

**PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY
BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

In the Matter of Proclaiming the Existence.....)
of a Local Emergency within Monterey County..)

WHEREAS, Section 2.68.060 of the Monterey County Code and Section 8630 of the Government Code empower the County Administrative Officer or his designee, or the Board of Supervisors if the Board of Supervisors is in session, to proclaim the existence of a Government Code Section 8558(c) local emergency when the County is affected by or likely to be affected by a public calamity: and

WHEREAS, on January 15, 2022, the County of Monterey experienced a tsunami event following the eruption of a volcano near the island nation of Tonga; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the Tonga tsunami, the Moss Landing Harbor District experienced extensive damage to its pilings and docks; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the Tonga tsunami, the Moss Landing Harbor District experienced damage to its infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the Tonga tsunami, the Moss Landing Harbor District experienced damage to its harbor channel; and

WHEREAS, current estimates of the damage caused by the Tonga tsunami exceed \$3 million, and the true extent of the damage caused by this tsunami event has yet to be fully determined; and

WHEREAS, the current damages to the Moss Landing Harbor District expose its infrastructure to potential further damage from tidal, storm, or additional tsunami events;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS PROCLAIMED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Conditions caused by the Tonga tsunami event in the County of Monterey, damaging the Moss Landing Harbor including, but not limited to, damage to pilings, docks, utility service, and infrastructure; and damage to harbor channel as well as other damage related to the tsunami that has yet to be identified, constitute conditions of disaster and extreme peril to the safety of persons, their property and public services, and that such conditions have existed since approximately 5:00 AM on January 15, 2022.
2. A local emergency, as defined in Government Code Section 5358, is proclaimed to exist throughout the County of Monterey.
3. The governing body shall review the need for continuing the local emergency at least once every sixty days until the governing body terminates the local emergency.

SIGNED AND SUBSCRIBED at Salinas, California this 24th day of February 2022.

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County Administrative Officer