

COUNTY OF MONTEREY

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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Director Nancy Ward
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Subject: Request for the State to Advance \$24 Million in CDAA Funding for Damages under DR-4683 & DR-4699

Director Ward:

The County of Monterey is respectfully requesting an advance under the California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) for funds currently expended and obligated in the amount of \$24,202,780 due to damages from the January Winter Storms (DR-4683) and March Winter Storms (DR-4699). The County experienced an atmospheric river weather pattern beginning March 9, 2023, which caused widespread flooding, notably along the Salinas and Pájaro Rivers with major damage occurring in residential communities, agricultural fields, and to critical county infrastructure surrounding these areas. The County has already identified \$30 million in damage and permanent repairs because of the January Storms and an additional \$40 million with the onset of the March Storms which created an even greater impact on the County's resources.

The County is requesting assistance and support from the State of California in response to the successive major disasters that have put a severe strain on the County's financial resources and will soon exhaust all its remaining Strategic Reserve funding. With the January (DR-4683), March (DR-4699), COVID-19 Pandemic (DR-4482) and 2020 Wildfires (DR-4558) the County's Strategic Reserve are near depletion. The current unprecedented expenditures are estimated to utilize all the County's Strategic Reserve, and without expedited financial support from the State, the County will be in difficult position and may not be able to continue to fund or provide resources should future emergencies occur. The table below lists the funds expended and obligated to date, along with a projected cost to complete the identified damages and projects for permanent repairs.

EXPENSES	EVENT	EXPENDED	OBLIGATED	PROJECTED	TOTAL
Emergency Operations Center Costs	January (DR-4683)	\$843,639	\$209,106		\$1,052,745
Staff Time	January (DR-4683)	\$2,117,561			\$2,117,561
Public Works Debris Removal (Cat A)	January (DR-4683)		\$1,520,000	\$4,320,396	\$5,840,396
Public Works Emergency Protective Measures (Cat B)	January (DR-4683)		\$3,720,000	\$3,185,000	\$6,905,000
Public Works Road Repairs (Cat C)	January (DR-4683)		\$100,000	\$1,165,000	\$1,265,000
Public Works Sewer System (Cat D)	January (DR-4683)			\$30,000	\$30,000
Public Works Equipment (Cat E)	January (DR-4683)			\$190,975	\$190,975
Public Works Utility Systems (Cat F)	January (DR-4683)			\$153,000	\$153,000
Public Works Parks (Cat G)	January (DR-4683)			\$3,310,000	\$3,310,000
Water Resources Agency	January (DR-4683)	\$1,317,391	\$3,129,404	\$13,052,000	\$17,498,795
San Ardo Funding Advance	January (DR-4683)		\$1,187,500		\$1,187,500
Emergency Operations Center Costs	March (DR-4699)	\$148,671	\$1,166,752		\$1,315,423

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Residential ROW Debris Removal	March (DR-4699)		\$540,475	\$335,525	\$876,000
Public Works Roads Debris Removal	March (DR-4699)		\$3,165,000		\$3,165,000
Public Works Sewer Bypass Pumping and Emergency Protective Measures	March (DR-4699)		\$3,900,000		\$3,900,000
Public Works Roads Emergency Protective Measures	March (DR-4699)		\$300,000		\$300,000
Public Works Sewer Repairs (Chualar and Pájaro CSD Infrastructure Repair)	March (DR-4699)			\$8,250,000	\$8,250,000
Public Works Roads Permeant Repairs	March (DR-4699)			\$3,275,000	\$3,275,000
Public Works Facilities: 71 Railroad Ave-Kens Courts-19 Mobile Homes	March (DR-4699)			\$2,800,000	\$2,800,000
Public Works Facilities: Pájaro Mansion and Ag Commissioner's Office	March (DR-4699)			\$2,100,000	\$2,100,000
Staff Time	March (DR-4699)	\$837,281			\$837,281
Non-Congregate Sheltering (Rodeway Inn 90 Rooms for 90 Days)	March (DR-4699)			\$1,012,500	\$1,012,500
Total			\$5,264,543	\$18,938,237	\$43,179,396
				\$67,382,176	

As a result of the delayed funding from FEMA (approximately \$16.4 million in outstanding reimbursement request) and the anticipated depletion of the County's Strategic Reserve, the County requests an accelerated advance of the expended and obligated amount of \$24,202,780. Additionally, should the County attain the projected cost, it may require an additional advance of \$43 million.

Sincerely,

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