

WHEREAS, the California Emergency Services Act (California Government Code, section 8550, *et seq.*) defines a local emergency as the existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the territorial limits of a county, which are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of that political subdivision and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat; and

WHEREAS, major Atmospheric River events in January 2023, March 2023, and February 2024, in addition to winter storm rain events, led to soil saturation, which on March 30, 2024, caused State Route 1 near Rocky Creek Bridge to be undermined. Due to existing landslides to the south, the slide on State Route 1 near the bridge isolated residents, visitors, and essential personnel in the Big Sur area.

- Heavy rainfall, extremely strong winds, mudslides, and coastal flood and high surf hazards threaten residents, property, critical infrastructure, and transportation systems in the County of Monterey; and
- Conditions of extreme peril to the safety of person and property arose within the area of Big Sur on or about March 30, 2024, which included the loss of safe ingress and egress into the community; and
- State Route 1 near the Rocky Creek Bridge sustained major damage to the road and retaining wall which necessitated a closure of the only viable roadway for egress and ingress into the community pending geological assessment and stranded individuals including residents, visitors, and essential personnel in the Big Sur area; and
- The foregoing conditions are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the County of Monterey and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat; and
- That this emergency does not permit a delay resulting from a competitive solicitation to let contracts for bids, and immediate action is necessary to respond to the emergency, and

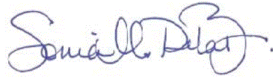
WHEREAS, the aforesaid conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency and immediate action is necessary to mitigate public calamity and the other effects of local emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS PROCLAIMED, as defined in Government Code, section 8558(c) and Public Contract Code, section 1102 that a local emergency now exists throughout the County of Monterey:

That during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the County Administrative Officer and the Emergency Organization of this County shall be those prescribed by state law and the ordinances, resolutions, and approved plans of the County of Monterey in order to mitigate the effects of said local emergency; and

During the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the County Administrative Officer, or designee, the Sheriff's Office, Department of Public Works, Facilities, and Parks, Department of Housing and Community Development, and the Emergency Organization of the County of Monterey shall be those prescribed by State law and the ordinances, resolutions, and approved plans of the County of Monterey in order to mitigate the effects of the local emergency; and

SIGNED AND SUBSCRIBED at Salinas, California this 31st day of March 2024.

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Sonia M. De La Rosa
County Administrative Officer
County of Monterey