



County of Monterey

Item No.

Board Report

Board of Supervisors
Chambers
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RECOMMENDATION:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

Pursuant to California Government Code section 8630(a) the County Administrative Officer may proclaim the existence of a local emergency when the County is affected by or likely to be affected by a public calamity. The Government Code requires that an emergency proclamation be ratified by the Board of Supervisors within 7 days of its issuance, and be reviewed at least once every 60 days until the emergency is terminated.

Beginning December 23, 2025, heavy rainfall, extreme winds, downed trees, runoff and flash flooding, coastal flooding, coastal erosion, mudslides, landslides, and high surf hazards threatened residents, property, roads, critical infrastructure, and transportation systems in the County of Monterey and political subdivisions. Conditions of extreme peril to the safety of person and property arose within numerous areas within Monterey County.

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 requiring the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat.

The aforesaid conditions of extreme peril necessitated the proclamation of a local emergency on December 30, 2025. Ratification and approval of this Proclamation of Local Emergency will provide Board confirmation of, and agreement with, the Proclamation made by the County Administrative Officer. This emergency proclamation shall expire sixty days after issuance unless confirmed and extended by the governing body of the County of Monterey.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Numerous County departments and other agencies have participated in the response to the emergency including the Department of Emergency Management, Sheriff's Office, County Administrative Office, Public Works, Facilities, and Parks Department, County Counsel, NOAA-National Marine Fisheries Service, CA Dept of Fish and Wildlife, California State Parks, California Department of Transportation, California Coastal Commission, the City of Monterey, the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea, and the Pebble Beach Community Services District.

FINANCING:

Financial impact to the General Fund currently is unknown.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS:

Declaring an emergency and allowing staff to effectively and immediately respond to the emergency event to protect public health and safety, promotes the Board of Supervisors' Strategic Plan Goals of furthering Safe and Resilient Communities.

- Well-Being and Quality of Life
- Sustainable Infrastructure for the Present and Future
- Safe and Resilient Communities
- Diverse and Thriving Economy

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Attachments:

- A: Proclamation of Local Emergency, dated December 30, 2025
- B: Draft Resolution Ratifying the Proclamation of a Local Emergency