

*Before the Board of Supervisors  
County of Monterey, State of California*

**Resolution No.: 26-007**

Ratifying the Proclamation of a Local Emergency    )  
issued by the County Administrative Officer on    )  
December 30, 2025    )

**WHEREAS**, the California Emergency Services Act (Government Code section 8630, *et seq.*) establishes procedures for proclaiming emergencies and for responding promptly to the needs that arise during emergencies; and,

**WHEREAS**, Monterey County Code section 2.68.025 and Government Code section 8630(c) empower the County Administrative Officer or her designee to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when Monterey County is affected by or likely to be affected by a public calamity, if the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors is not in session; and,

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Government Code, section 8630(b), once a local emergency is declared, it will remain in effect for a period of no more than seven (7) days, unless ratified by the Board of Supervisors; and,

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Government Code, section 8630(c), the Board of Supervisors shall review the need for continuing the local emergency at least once every sixty (60) days until the Board of Supervisors terminates the local emergency; and,

**WHEREAS**, the governing body shall proclaim the termination of the local emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant; and,

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Government Code, section 8685 *et seq.*, in order to obtain monies from both state and federal agencies, the local government must declare a local emergency; and,

**WHEREAS**, conditions of a local emergency can be better controlled if the local government has specific powers granted through the proclamation of a local emergency; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Emergency Services and Department of Emergency Management seeks authority to request financial assistance from the State of California and federal government on behalf of the residents of the Monterey County; and,

**WHEREAS**, an atmospheric river event commencing on December 23, 2025, and continuing through January 2, 2026, and has resulted in heavy rainfall, extremely strong winds, downed trees, mudslides, power outages, runoff and flash flooding, coastal flooding, coastal erosion and high surf hazards causing damage to public infrastructure and private property within Monterey County; 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 the effects of the local emergency and preserve the safety for the public; and,

**WHEREAS**, this local emergency does not permit a delay resulting from a competitive solicitation of bids for contracts, and immediate action is necessary to respond to the emergency, and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey is not in session as of the time of execution of this proclamation; and,

**WHEREAS**, every reasonable effort has been made to confer with one or more members of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors in and for the County of Monterey as follows:

The Proclamation of a Local Emergency issued by the County Administrative Officer on December 30, 2025, is hereby ratified.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 8630(c) the Board of Supervisors shall review the continuing need for a local emergency at least once every sixty (60) days, until terminated by the Board of Supervisors.

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 (Department of Emergency Management) 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.

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.

Pursuant to Public Contract Code, sections 20134, 20395, and 22050, the Director of Public Works, Facilities and Parks their designees, are hereby authorized to engage independent contractors to complete all necessary work to mitigate the effects of said local emergency. Contracts for this work may be executed without prior Board approval of the plans, specifications, and working details, without giving notice for bids to let contracts. The County Administrative Officer, or designee, is hereby designated as the authorized representative for public and individual assistance of the County of Monterey for the purpose of receipt, processing, and coordination of all inquiries and requirements necessary to obtain available state and federal assistance.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026, by roll call vote:

AYES: Supervisors Alejo, Church, Lopez, Root Askew and Daniels

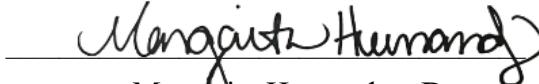
NOES: None

ABSENT: None

I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book 82 for the meeting on January 6, 2026.

Dated: January 8, 2026  
File ID: RES 26-005  
Agenda Item No.: 37.1

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Monterey, State of California

  
Margarita Hernandez, Deputy