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Ratify and extend the County Administrative Officer's Proclamation of Local Emergency due to winter storm damages causing conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property nearby (4/5<sup>th</sup> vote required).

## **..Report**

### RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors ratify and extend a Proclamation of Local Emergency due to damages resulting from a procession of El Nino enhanced winter storms causing conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property nearby (4/5<sup>th</sup> vote required).

### SUMMARY:

Beginning in January, 2016, Monterey County experienced a succession of storms and high tide events that caused costly, wide-spread damages throughout the county. These storms resulted in significant rainfall and storm driven high tides which resulted in localized flooding, road closures, and loss of power and other critical infrastructure affecting the public's safety.

The ratification of this emergency proclamation will allow for continuation of emergency response activities and timely repairs to be made to the damaged public property and infrastructure and request and utilization of state and federal assistance, as appropriate.

### DISCUSSION:

On January 19, 22, and 31; and March 4 and 10, 2016 a succession of El Nino enhanced winter storms caused damages to local infrastructure and public and private property within Monterey County. Such damages included localized flooding, roadway slope and embankment erosion, debris caused roadway obstructions, storm drain infrastructure damage, and damage to public and private utilities. Such damage continues to impact the public's safety and immediate action is necessary to address these safety concerns.

Mitigation and recovery actions related to this storm damage is likely to be beyond the control of the resources of the County of Monterey and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat.

The aforesaid conditions of extreme peril necessitated the proclamation of a local emergency which was signed into effect by the County Administrator's Office on April 1, 2016 and the Proclamation was extended on April 7<sup>th</sup> due to the emergency taking place while the Board of Supervisors was out of session and unavailable. 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 thirty days after issuance unless confirmed and extended by the governing body of the County of Monterey.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The mitigation efforts of the foregoing conditions affecting public infrastructure in Monterey County include Monterey County Resource Management Agency and Water Resources Agency. State and/or Federal Emergency assistance agencies have been consulted and their services and potential funding sources may be utilized, as appropriate.

FINANCING:

This proclamation of local emergency will impact the Road Fund and may impact the General Fund in emergency contracts, engineering services, and overtime costs incurred by RMA-Public Works, which may be requested for reimbursement from the General Fund at the end of the fiscal year.

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Attachments: Resolution, Proclamation for April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016

CAO Proclamations April 1, 2016 and April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016