PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY BY COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

In the Matter of Proclaiming the Existence of a Local Emergency within Monterey County)

WHEREAS, Section 2.68.060 of the Monterey County Code and Section 8630 of the Government Code empower the County Administrative Officer or his designee to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when the County is affected by a public calamity and the Board of Supervisors is not in session, subject to confirmation of the Board of Supervisors within seven days thereafter, and

WHEREAS, said County Administrative Officer or his designee does hereby find as follows;

Sandbar management activities are required at the Salinas River Lagoon Mouth. From modeling results performed by the National Weather Service California-Nevada River Forecast Center, this action is necessary effective January 6, 2017, due to flows into the Salinas River lagoon are forecasted to exceed 8,000 cubic feet per second. These conditions could lead to possible loss of life and property in areas near and adjacent the lagoon. Forecasted conditions may result in the following:

- Inundation of residences, including Twin Bridges Cabin Association
- Loss of safe ingress and egress
- Inundation of agricultural fields
- Erosion and excessive transport of sediment

This action is supported by the National Marine Fisheries Services (NMFS) in order to increase the likelihood of successful adult steelhead migration to spawning habitat in the Arroyo Seco River. The urgency of the aforementioned may necessitate actions at a time when the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey is not in session and immediate action is necessary to address these public health and safety issues: and

WHEREAS, The foregoing conditions are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency and the County of Monterey and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat;

WHEREAS, That 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

WHEREAS, 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, said County Administrative Officer has made every reasonable effort to confer with one or more members of the Board of Supervisors, and declares that such a conference is impossible;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS PROCLAIMED, as defined in Government Section 8558c and Public Contract Code Section 1102 that a local emergency now exists throughout said County; and

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, Water Resources Agency General Manager, and the Public Works Director shall be those prescribed in State and local law in order to mitigate the effects of the local emergency.

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Pursuant to Public Contract Code Sections 20134, 22050, and 20395, the General Manager of the Water Resources Agency, the Public Works Director or their respective designee is 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.

SIGNED AND SUBSCRIBED at Monterey, California this 6th day of January, 2017.

Lew C. Bauman

County Administrative Officer