

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

**Resolution No.: 26-011**

Ratifying the Proclamation )  
of a Local Emergency issued )  
by the County Administrative )  
Officer on January 7, 2026. )

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

**WHEREAS**, Government Code section 8630 and Monterey County Code section 2.68.060 empower the County Administrative Officer or designee, or the Board of Supervisors, if the Board of Supervisors is in session, to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when the County is affected by or likely to be affected by a public calamity.

**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 days, unless ratified by the Board of Supervisors.

**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.

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

**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.

**WHEREAS**, the Administrative Officer of the County of Monterey and ex officio County Administrator of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency, did proclaim the existence of a local emergency within the County on January 7, 2026, and found as follows:

- Sandbar management activities were required at the Salinas River Lagoon mouth by Monterey County Water Resources Agency staff to avoid localized flooding. These conditions could have led to possible loss of life and property in areas near and adjacent to the Salinas Lagoon. Forecasted conditions may have resulted in the following:
  - Inundation of residences, including Twin Bridges Cabin Association, Monterey Dunes Colony and Lagoon residences;
  - Loss of safe ingress and egress, including emergency service access;
  - Inundation of agricultural fields; and
  - Erosion and excessive transport of sediment.

- 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 the Monterey County Water Resources Agency requiring the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat.
- 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.

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

1. The Proclamation of a Local Emergency issued by the County Administrative Officer on January 7, 2026, is hereby ratified.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. That 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, the Emergency Organization of the County of Monterey, and the General Manager of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency 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.
5. Pursuant to Public Contract Code sections 20134, 20395, and 22050, the Public Works Director and the General Manager of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency, or 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.
6. The necessary work is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") under CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(c) for emergency projects.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on this 13<sup>h</sup> day of January 2026, by roll call vote:

AYES: Supervisors Alejo, Church, Root Askew and Daniels

NOES: None

ABSENT: Supervisor Lopez

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 13, 2026.

Dated: January 14, 2026

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

  
Margarita Hernandez, Deputy