

**Before the Board of Supervisors in and for
the County of Monterey, State of California**

Resolution No. _____)
Resolution Ratifying the Proclamation of a)
Local Emergency issued by the County)
Administrative Officer on August 10, 2026)

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

WHEREAS, on or about August 8, 2026, a fire began at the Los Padre National Forest, Southeast of Loma Vista, North of California State Route 1 (“Highway 1”) between mile markers 38 and 43, in the Big Sur area, including evacuation zones MRY-F026, MRY-F027, and MRY-F028, commonly referred to as the “Timber Fire”; and

WHEREAS, the County of Monterey issued Evacuation Orders and Evacuation Warnings; and

WHEREAS, as of 12:15 p.m. on August 10, 2026, the Timber Fire grew to 1330 acres with an unknown containment; and

WHEREAS, the Timber Fire is still currently burning and official monitoring of the area and air continue; and,

WHEREAS, the cause of the fire has not yet been determined, but an investigation will begin once the fire is extinguished; 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; and

WHEREAS, on August 10, 2026, County Administrative Officer Sonia De La Rosa executed the Proclamation of Emergency pursuant to Government Code section 8558(c) and Public Contract Code section 1102, that a local emergency existed since August 8, 2026, in Monterey County.

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

1. Ratify County Administrative Officer Sonia De La Rosa's the Proclamation of Emergency signed on August 10, 2026.

2. During the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the County Administrative Officer 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 in order to mitigate the effects of said local emergency.

3. During the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the County Administrative Officer, or designee, the Public Works, Facilities, and Parks Department (PWF&P), the Department of Housing and Community Development, and the Department of Emergency Management shall be those prescribed by state law and the ordinances, resolutions, and approved plans of the County in order to mitigate the effects of the local emergency.

4. Pursuant to Public Contract Code sections 20134, 22050, and 20395, the PWF&P Director, or 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 of Supervisors of the County of Monterey approval of the plans, specifications, and working details, without giving notice for bids to let contracts.

5. The Director of Emergency Services is authorized to execute all necessary contracts to obtain supplies, equipment and such other items found lacking and needed for the protection of life and property and to bind the county for fair value thereof or commandeer for public use as may be required, with approval from the Office of County Counsel, with subsequent ratification by the Board of Supervisors, for agreements under two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000).

6. 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 ____ day of August, 2026, by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

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____ for the meeting on _____.

Dated: _____

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

By _____
, Deputy