

# **Attachment A**

## **PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY BY COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

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

**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**, California Government Code section 8630(c) and Monterey County Code section 2.68.060 and empower the County Administrative Officer, or 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 Board of Supervisors is not in session.

**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 Monterey County on January 7, 2026, and does hereby find as follows:

- Significant heavy rain events, affecting Monterey County, began on December 23, 2025 and have continued into January 2026 bringing significant rainfall and resulting in high river flow conditions.
- 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**, Given high river flows, Monterey County Water Resources Agency staff performed sandbar management activities at the Salinas River Lagoon mouth on January 4, 2026.

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors is not in session as of the date of this proclamation.

**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, IT IS PROCLAIMED**, as defined in California Government Code section 8558(c) and Public Contract Code section 1102 that a local emergency now exists throughout Monterey County:

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; and

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; and

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.

**SIGNED AND SUBSCRIBED** at Salinas, California this 7<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026.

Signed by:



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Nick Chiulos, Chief Assistant County  
Administrative Officer  
County of Monterey