

## **..Title**

Adopt a resolution to:

- a. Ratify and extend the County Administrative Officer's Proclamation of a Local Emergency for sandbar management activities that are required at the Salinas River Lagoon Mouth; and,
- b. Find the repair work statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(c) for emergency projects (4/5<sup>th</sup> vote required).

## **..Report**

### RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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### SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The ratification of this emergency proclamation will allow for timely 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

Until action is taken to address these safety concerns, flooding and sedimentation will continue to impact public safety.

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 January 6, 2017 and the Proclamation is proposed to be extended on January 10<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.

Staff considers the repairs necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency; therefore, the work is statutorily exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(c).

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.

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, CAO Proclamation for January 6, 2017.