

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

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

**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**, the Section 2.68.060 of the Monterey County Code and Section 8630(a), of the Government Code empower the County Administrative Officer or his 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; and

**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 (7) days, unless extended by the Board of Supervisors; and

**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; and

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

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Government Code Section 8685 et. seq., in order to obtain monies from both state and federal agencies, the local government must declare a local emergency; and

**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; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Emergency Services requests to be authorized to request financial assistance from the State of California and Federal Government on behalf of the residents of the Monterey County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Emergency Services requests to be 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 and subsequent ratification by the Board of Supervisors, for agreements under one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000).

**WHEREAS**, the electrical utility provider for Monterey County is Pacific Gas and Electric, (PGE); and

**WHEREAS**, to reduce the risk of wildfire conflagrations, PGE has implemented a Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) where they intentionally shut off electrical power to specific areas determined to be at risk of wildfire due to adverse weather, and said power shutoffs may occur for extended periods of time; and

**WHEREAS**, damages have resulted to many areas of the County that include damage to the public due to complete loss of electrical power; and

**WHEREAS**, efforts to respond to, mitigate, and recover from this intentional power shut off involve assets from Monterey County government, and other local governments in Monterey County; 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 public calamity, and to protect life and property as affected by such emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Administrative Officer has made every reasonable effort to confer with one or more members of the Board of Supervisors;

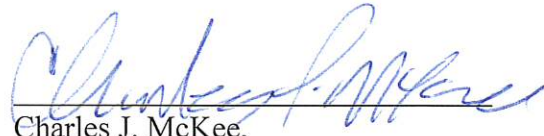
**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS PROCLAIMED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. A local emergency, as defined in Government Section 8558(c), now exists throughout the County of Monterey.
2. The proclamation of a local emergency shall expire seven (7) days after issuance unless confirmed and ratified by the Board of Supervisors, pursuant to Government Code Section 8630(b).
3. Pursuant to Government Code Section 8630(c) the governing body shall review the continuing need for a local emergency at least once every sixty (60) days, until terminated by the Board of Supervisors.
4. During the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the County Administrative Officer or his designee, the Resource Management Agency, and the Emergency Organization of Monterey 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 the local emergency.
5. Pursuant to Public Contract Code Sections 20134, 22050, and 20395, the Resource Management 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 approval of the plans, specifications, and working details, without giving notice for bids to let contracts.
6. The Director of Emergency Services is authorized to request financial assistance from the State of California and Federal Government on behalf of the residents of the Monterey County; and

7. 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 one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000).

8. Charles J McKee, or his 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.

**SIGNED AND SUBSCRIBED** at Salinas, California this 30th day of  
October 2019.



Charles J. McKee,  
County Administrative Officer