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 Section 2.68.060 of the Monterey County Code and Section 8630 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 Government Code Section 8558(c) local emergency when the County is affected by or likely to be affected by a public calamity; and

WHEREAS, said County Administrative Office does hereby find as follows:

- 1. A succession of El Nino enhanced winter storms occurring on January 19, 22, and 31, and March 4, and 10, 2016 have resulted in multiple significant rainfall and extreme tide events causing damage to public infrastructure within Monterey County;
- Damages to local infrastructure have included localized flooding, roadway slope erosion and embankment slip-outs affecting the safety of said roadways; obstruction of public roadways from storm debris; damage to storm drain infrastructure; and damage to public and private utilities.
- 3. Such damages have resulted in road closures, areas of isolation, loss of power and other critical infrastructure affecting the public's safety and response
- 4. Immediate action is necessary to address these safety issues.
- 5. That 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 require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat
- 6. That 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
- 7. That the County Board of Supervisors is not in session and cannot immediately be called to session.

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NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS PROCLAIMED, as defined in Government Section 8558c and Public Contract Code Section 1102 that a local emergency now exists throughout said County; and

- a. 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 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 that this emergency shall expire seven days after the issuance unless confirmed and ratified by the governing body of the County of Monterey; and
- b. During the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the County Administrative Officer and the Public Works Director shall be those prescribed in State and local law in order to mitigate the effects of the local emergency; and
- c. Pursuant to Public Contract Code Sections 20134, 20395, and 22050, the Public Works Director or his 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.

SIGNED AND SUBSCRIBED at Salinas, California this 1st day of April, 2016.

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