

**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 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, an atmospheric river events occurring between February 7, 2017 through February 20, 2017 has resulted in multiple significant rainfall events causing damage to public infrastructure and private property within Monterey County; and

WHEREAS, damages to infrastructure have included localized flooding, roadway slope erosion and embankment slip-outs, debris flows, landslides, and culvert failure affecting the safety of said roadways; obstruction of public roadways from storm water, storm debris and roadway failure; damage to storm drain infrastructure; and damage to public and private utilities and damage to public facilities and parks.

WHEREAS, such damages have resulted in road closures, areas of isolation, loss of power and other critical infrastructure affecting the public's safety and repose; and

WHEREAS, efforts to respond to, mitigate, and recover from these storms involve assets from Monterey County government, and other local governments in Monterey County; and

WHEREAS, the cost of response, mitigation, and recovery efforts has imposed extraordinary expenses on the County and local governments; 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

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 8558c and Public Contract Code Section 1102, now exists throughout the County of Monterey.
2. 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.

3. That a copy of this Proclamation be forwarded to the Director of the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services ("Director Cal OES") requesting that Director Cal OES find this Proclamation acceptable in accordance with State law and forward this Proclamation to the Governor of the State of California for consideration and action on Monterey County's requests that:

3.1 The Governor of California proclaim a State of Emergency in Monterey County.

3.2 The Governor suspend those statutes, regulations, rules and orders that may hinder response and recovery efforts.

3.3 The Governor order that recovery assistance be made available to Monterey County under the California Disaster Assistance Act.

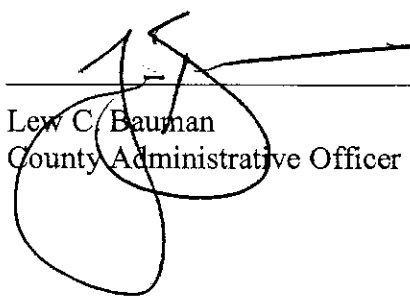
3.4 The Governor order that the State expedite access to Federal resources and any other appropriate federal disaster relief programs for Monterey County.

4. The Emergency Operations Manager shall continue to assess the local emergency and, as emergency response and recovery efforts warrant, send to Director Cal OES any additional requests that the Governor suspend further statutes, rules and regulations pursuant to Government Code section 8571, and that the State and Federal assistance be provided to Monterey County.

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. Lew C. Bauman, 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 15th day of February, 2017.



Lew C. Bauman
County Administrative Officer