PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY BY COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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

WHEREAS, Section 2.68.060 of the Monterey County Code and Section 8630 of the Government Code empower the County Administrative Officer or his designee to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when the County is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the Board of Supervisors is not in session, subject to confirmation of the Board of Supervisors within seven days thereafter; and

WHEREAS, said County Administrative Officer or his designee does hereby find as follows:

That conditions of disaster and extreme peril to the safety of persons and/or property have arisen within the County of Monterey caused by winter storm, high winds, and flooding; That the water levels in the Salinas River Lagoon are rising and causing flooding to adjacent private property and will cause wide area flooding potentially threatening human life and property;

That the Salinas River Lagoon is closed to the ocean because of high sandbars which will not allow the Salinas River Lagoon and flood waters to flow naturally to the ocean;

That because the level of danger is imminent, the Monterey County Water Resources Agency intends to cut a ten foot wide channel in the sandbar, at or about 6 feet mean sea level elevation, to allow the Salinas River Lagoon Waters to flow to the ocean, thereby relieving flooding and averting destruction in the local area;

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:

That the aforesaid conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency;

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

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 said local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California.

During the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the County Administrative Officer shall be those prescribed in State and local law in order to mitigate the effects of the local emergency.

Pursuant to Public Contract Code Sections 20134, 22050, and 20395, the County Administrative Officer 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 on this 24th day of January, 2019.

Lew C. Bauman, County Administrative Officer