

PROCLAMATION OF 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 (California Government Code section 8630 et seq.) establishes procedures for proclaiming emergencies and for responding promptly to the needs that arise during emergencies; and,

WHEREAS, Section 2.68.060 of the Monterey County Code, and Section 8630 of the government Code empower the County Administrative Officer or designee, or the Board of Supervisors if 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, Monterey County experienced significant rainfall and high winds from an Atmospheric River event during the period November 27 through December 1, 2019, and which is expected to continue through December 4, 2019; and,

WHEREAS, such conditions have caused road closures, damage to public roadways, damage to public infrastructure, and tree failure resulting in extreme peril to persons and property; and,

WHEREAS, heavy rainfall within the Carmel River watershed has caused conditions in the Carmel Lagoon to approach a flood stage, potentially causing damage to public infrastructure and private property in Monterey County; and,

WHEREAS, such flood damage could cause road closures, damage to public roadways and other infrastructure, and areas of isolation of private property, resulting in extreme peril to persons and property; and,

WHEREAS, County crews prepared for this event by taking preventative measures including the placement of sand bags along the northern border of the Lagoon, clearing culverts, etc, and,

WHEREAS, the County is preparing to respond to the potential damage by taking urgent measures at the sand bar of the Carmel River lagoon including the pumping water, and by contacting various resource agencies such as the US Army Corps of Engineers, NOAA-National Marine Fisheries Service, US Fish and Wildlife Services, CA Dept of Fish and Wildlife, CA Coastal Commission, and Water Board to determine what other steps the County may take to mitigate the potential flood damage; and,

WHEREAS, the aforesaid conditions and potential for damage necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency, and immediate action is necessary to mitigate the 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, the County Administrative Officer proclaims as follows:

1. A local emergency, as defined in Government Code section 8558 (c) and California Public Contract Code section 1102 now exists in the unincorporated area around and adjacent to the Carmel River lagoon.
2. During the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the County Administrative Officer or designees, the Director of the Resource Management Agency and the Emergency Services Manager, 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. Pursuant to Public Contract Code sections 20134, 22050 and 20395, the Director of the Resource Management Agency or designee is hereby authorized to engage independent contractors to complete all necessary work to mitigate the effect of the local emergency. Contracts for this work may be executed without prior Board of Supervisors approval of the plans, specifications, and working details, and without giving notice for bids to let such contracts.
4. Charles J. McKee, or 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 requirement necessary to obtain available state and federal assistance.

SIGNED AND SUBSCRIBED THIS 9th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2019 AT
Salinas, California.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Charles J. McKee", is written over a horizontal line.

Charles J. McKee
County Administrative Officer