

**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, 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 event occurring between January 26, 2021 through February 5, 2021 has resulted in and is anticipated to result in multiple significant rainfall/wind 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; and,

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:

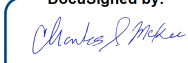
1. A local emergency, as defined in Government Section 8558c and Public Contract Code Section 1102, now exists throughout the County of Monterey.

2. During the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the County Administrative Officer or his designee, the Director of Public Works, Facilities and Parks, 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.

4. Pursuant to Public Contract Code Sections 20134, 22050, and 20395, the Public Works 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.

5. 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 27th day of January 2021.

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Charles J. McKee
County Administrative Officer