



# COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 1/23/2024

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File #: 24-123

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** Sheriff

**Agenda Section:** Consent

**SUBJECT:**

Ratification of Local Emergency Proclamation Due to Flooding in Humboldt County

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Ratify the Local Emergency Proclamation issued by the Humboldt County Sheriff/Director of Emergency Services on January 16, 2024, due to significant flooding in Humboldt County; and
2. Forward a copy of this signed resolution to the Governor of the State of California with the request that he proclaim the County of Humboldt to be in a state of emergency.

**SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

General Fund (1100)

**DISCUSSION:**

Historic flooding of the Mad River, combined with countywide flooding of small creeks and streams caused by an atmospheric river has caused extensive damage to local infrastructure, damaging numerous culverts, causing slip outs, cracking, and degradation of county roads, and damaging numerous private residences, businesses, and agricultural land. Due to the extent of damage countywide, crews are actively engaged in conducting emergency road repairs, exploring options for alternative routes, and cleaning up storm and flood debris along public rights of way.

This Local Emergency Proclamation is a prerequisite to requesting state and federal assistance for the flood-related response and recovery efforts.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The ratification of the proclamation declaring a local emergency allows for the county to seek state and federal funding that may be applicable, which may include funding from the California Public Utilities Commission, the California Disaster Assistance Act, and the Stafford Act.

**STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:**

This action supports your Board's Strategic Framework by providing community-appropriate levels of service.

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

State of California, United States Federal Government.

**ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Board of Supervisors may choose not to ratify the proclamation, however, that would preclude the county from seeking outside assistance emergency programs to provide funding for storm damage response efforts.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Resolution Confirming the Existence of a Local Emergency
2. Local Emergency Proclamation for the 2024 Humboldt January Floods

**PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:**

Board Order No.: N/A

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