



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 7/18/2023

File #: 23-1008

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Sheriff

Agenda Section: Consent

Vote Requirement: Majority

SUBJECT:

Termination of Local Emergencies: 2022-2023 Early Winter Storms and 2023 February-April Storms.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Pass the attached resolutions and terminate the local emergencies proclaimed for the 2022-2023 Early Winter Storms and 2023 February-April Storms.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

DISCUSSION:

Humboldt County Code 2210-7(a)(1)(A) requires that the termination of local emergencies shall be proclaimed at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant the termination.

The response to the 2022-2023 Early Winter Storms commenced on Jan. 3, 2023 in Humboldt County. Numerous public roads and facilities experienced significant damage resulting from this incident. The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was activated to assist with implementing coordination calls between local, regional, state, and federal partners to provide updates and gather information on damages and forecasts, collect damage assessments and provide public information. The “2023 February-April Storms” incident commenced on March 1, 2023 in Humboldt County, causing additional damage to public infrastructure, and bringing record-level snowfall to the region, limiting access and creating significant challenges to residents and agricultural producers. During both of these emergencies, local, state and federal resources were activated and deployed for humanitarian and life-safety missions, ranging from the distribution of water, food and other necessary supplies to air-dropping bales of hay for isolated cattle. All of the activated/deployed resources and personnel for these emergencies have since been demobilized and the emergency organization of this county has resumed day-to-day operations.

Both winter storm emergencies are now well in the recovery phase, with the immediate threat to public safety and private property months in the past. Though recovery efforts and repair work continue, and likely will for several years to come, the termination of these two emergency proclamations will not affect that ongoing recovery/repair work and is a necessary formal step in closing out the incidents and returning county staff to their regular, non-emergency assignments.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no direct financial impact related to the termination of these emergencies. Previous response actions have ceased, and any remaining recovery and/or repair work will fall within existing county budgets for the department(s) responsible for the work

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports the following areas of your Board's Strategic Framework.

Core Roles: N/A

New Initiatives: Provide community-appropriate levels of service

Strategic Plan: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Board discretion

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution Terminating Local Emergency: 2022-2023 Early Winter Storms
2. Resolution Terminating Local Emergency: 2023 February-April Storms

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: N/A

Meeting of: N/A

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