

PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2447 of the County of Humboldt empowers the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence of a Local Emergency when said county is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the Board of Supervisors are not in session, and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services of the County of Humboldt does hereby find:

That an imminent threat to public safety and significant damages to public and private property exists within said county, caused by significant flooding of small creeks and stream, as well as main stem flooding of the Mad River, commencing on January 12, 2024. The extensive flooding resulted in numerous flood rescue operations, damaged and flooded roadways, downed trees, damaged and destroyed culverts, and damaged homes. The current and ongoing damages exceed available county resources; and

The situation is of such severity and magnitude that effective response and recovery is beyond the capabilities of the affected local governments; and

That the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt is not in session and cannot immediately be called into session;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a Local Emergency now exists throughout said county, and

The County of Humboldt requests all available response and recovery assistance from the State of California and its agencies, including the California Public Utilities Commission, and the United States government and its agencies, as deemed appropriate by the Governor of California, including funding under the California Disaster Assistance Act and federal Stafford Act; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said Local Emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of this county shall be those prescribed by state law, by ordinances, and resolutions of this county, and by the County of Humboldt Emergency Operations Plan, as approved by the Board of Supervisors on 7 April 2015, until its termination is proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt, State of California.

Dated: 16 January 2024

By: 

William F. Honsal III, Sheriff