



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 5/2/2023

File #: 23-582

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Sheriff

Agenda Section: Consent

Vote Requirement: Majority

SUBJECT:

Continuation of Local Emergency Due to Consecutive Major Winter Storm Events Commencing on March 1, 2023, Which Have Resulted in Large Accumulations of Snow, Impassable Roadways, Downed Trees, Disrupted Utility Services, Damaged and Flooded Roadways, Mudslides and Damaged Structures, and Dead Livestock, Such Damages Exceeding Available County Resources

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Declare that a local emergency still exists through May 23, 2023 due to consecutive major winter storm events commencing on March 1, 2023, which have resulted in large accumulations of snow, impassable roadways, downed trees, disrupted utility services, damaged and flooded roadways, mudslides and damaged structures, and dead livestock, such damages exceeding available county resources; and
2. Authorize the Chair to sign the resolution re-authorizing the existence of a local emergency due to consecutive major winter storm events commencing on March 1, 2023, which have resulted in large accumulations of snow, impassable roadways, downed trees, disrupted utility services, damaged and flooded roadways, mudslides and damaged structures, and dead livestock, such damages exceed available county resources.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

General Fund (1100)

DISCUSSION:

On March 7, 2023 Sheriff William Honsal declared the existence of a local emergency (per Ordinance 2447) due to an imminent threat to public safety and significant damages to public and private property caused by consecutive major winter storm events commencing on March 1, 2023, which have resulted in large accumulations of snow, impassable roadways, downed trees, disrupted utility services, damaged and flooded roadways, mudslides and damaged structures, and dead livestock, such damages exceeding available county resources. As the local emergency due to consecutive major winter storms

still exists, the local emergency is being extended through May 23, 2023.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Extending the 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 declare that a local emergency still exists, however, that would preclude the county from seeking outside assistance emergency programs to provide funding for storm damage response efforts.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution re-authorizing the existence of a Local Emergency due to major winter storm events commencing on March 1, 2023, as executed by Sheriff William F. Honsal on March 7, 2023.

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: I-3
Meeting of: 3/14/2023
File No.: 23-330