

GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
EMERGENCY SERVICES DIVISION

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**April 20, 1998**

**Agenda: April 28, 1998**

**Board of Supervisors  
County of Santa Cruz  
701 Ocean Street  
Santa Cruz, California 95060**

### **Continuing Declaration of Emergency Winter Storms of 1998**

**Dear Members of the Board:**


**On January 27, 1998, February 2, 1998, February 10, 1988, February 24, 1998, March 10, 1998, March 24, 1998 and April 14, 1998, your Board approved resolutions proclaiming the existence of a local emergency due to winter storms commencing on January 11, 1998. At present, Santa Cruz County is still engaged in local efforts to respond to the impacts of continuing storm related incidents and to assess the extent of the damage, which at this time is estimated in excess of \$34,000,000 county wide.**

**Although the National Weather Service is forecasting only intermittent rain at this time, local concerns remain focused on the impact of the erosion caused by prior storms and current ground saturation. Staff anticipate damage becoming more clearly identified as the ground saturation continues to permeate watersheds. Our recommendation is to continue the disaster declaration for Santa Cruz County. Your Board's action today confirming the continuation of the local emergency period will ensure that potential mechanisms for maximizing disaster assistance remain available for Santa Cruz County residents while the federal incident period remains active.**


**It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Board adopt the resolution confirming the continuation of a State of Emergency for Santa Cruz County.**

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Very truly yours,

  
**Nancy Carr Gordon**  
**Deputy Director**

**RECOMMENDED:**

  
**SUSAN A. MAURIELLO**  
**County Administrative Officer**

**Attachment:**  
**Resolution**

**cc: Auditor-Controller**  
**All Department Heads**  
**State OES**  
**Representative Sam Farr**  
**Representative Tom Campbell**  
**Senator Bruce McPherson**  
**Assemblyman Fred Keeley**  
**Assemblyman Peter Frusetta**

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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**On the motion of Supervisor  
duly seconded by Supervisor  
the following Resolution is adopted:**

**PROCLAMATION OF CONTINUING EXISTENCE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY AND  
RESOLUTION REQUESTING GOVERNOR TO PROCLAIM A STATE OF EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2532 of the County of Santa Cruz empowers the Board of Supervisors to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when said County is affected or is likely to be affected by a public calamity; and**

**WHEREAS, in response to winter storm activities beginning at 9:00 p.m. on January 11, 1998, that has resulted in major damage to the County road system infrastructure, the Board of Supervisors at their regular meeting on January 27, 1998, did proclaim the existence of a local emergency in the County of Santa Cruz; and**

**WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors at their regular meeting on February 3, 1998, adopted a Resolution and Proclamation of the Continuing Existence of a Local Emergency in the County of Santa Cruz; and**

**WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors at their regular meeting on February 10, 1998, adopted a Resolution and Proclamation of the Continuing Existence of a Local Emergency in the County of Santa Cruz; and**

**WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors at their regular meeting on February 24, 1998, adopted a Resolution and Proclamation of the Continuing Existence of a Local Emergency in the County of Santa Cruz; and**

**WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors at their regular meeting on March 10, 1998, adopted a Resolution and Proclamation of the Continuing Existence of a Local Emergency in the County of Santa Cruz; and**

**WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors at their regular meeting on March 24, 1998, adopted a Resolution and Proclamation of the Continuing Existence of a Local Emergency in the County of Santa Cruz; and**

**WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors at their regular meeting on April 14, 1998, adopted a Resolution and Proclamation of the Continuing Existence of a Local Emergency in the County of Santa Cruz; and**

**WHEREAS, due to the continuing heavy rains, windstorms and floods and further predictions for rain through the next week, the Board of Supervisors does hereby find:**

- 1. That conditions of extreme peril to life and property, to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the County of Santa Cruz, caused by winter storms commencing on January 11, 1998, at 9:00 p.m. and continuing in increasing severity into February; and**

2. That the aforesaid perilous conditions warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency; and
3. That the County of Santa Cruz hereby requests public and private assistance including all levels of State aid.

WHEREAS, it has now been found that local resources are unable to cope with the effects of said emergency; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED that a local emergency now exists throughout the County of Santa Cruz, and that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions and duties of the Director of Emergency Services and the emergency organization of this County shall be those prescribed by State law, by ordinances and resolutions of the County approved by the Board of Supervisors on February 21, 1978; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that Susan A. Mauriello, the County of Santa Cruz Administrative Officer and Director of Emergency Services, is hereby designated as the authorized representative to execute for and in behalf of the County of Santa Cruz, a public entity established under the laws of the State of California, all applications for public and individual assistance and to file them with the State Office of Emergency Services for purpose of obtaining certain Federal financial assistance under P.L. 93-288 as amended by the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1988 and/or any available State financial assistance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that John A. Fantham is hereby designated as an authorized representative for all applications for public assistance for the County of Santa Cruz Department of Public Works for the purpose of obtaining certain Federal financial assistance under P.L. 93-288 as amended by the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1988 and/or any available State financial assistance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that a copy of this declaration be forwarded to the Governor of California with the request that he proclaim the County of Santa Cruz to be in a continuing state of emergency, and a copy of this proclamation be forwarded to the State Director of the Office of Emergency Services; and that said local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of County of Santa Cruz, State of California this day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1998 by the following vote:

AYES:	SUPERVISORS
NOES:	SUPERVISORS
ABSENT:	SUPERVISORS

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Chairperson of the Board

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved as to Form

  
County Counsel