



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** Whitney McDonald, City Manager

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of Adoption of a Resolution Declaring a Continued Local Emergency Related to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic

**DATE:** January 24, 2023

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### **SUMMARY OF ACTION:**

Adoption of the Resolution will continue the declared local emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **IMPACT ON FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL RESOURCES:**

There are no direct fiscal impacts related to the proposed action; however, adoption of the Resolution will facilitate the ability for the City to request resources including financial support and reimbursement from the State Office of Emergency Services and the Federal Emergency Management Agency for costs incurred in preparation and/or response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a Resolution declaring a continued local emergency related to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

### **BACKGROUND:**

As the City Council is aware, in accordance with Section 8.12.060 of the Arroyo Grande Municipal Code, the former City Manager, in his capacity as the Director of Emergency Services, proclaimed a local emergency on March 16, 2020, regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. The City Council ratified the proclamation at its regular meeting on March 24, 2020, and adopted resolutions declaring a continued local emergency since that time as the pandemic has persisted.

### **ANALYSIS OF ISSUES:**

Arroyo Grande Municipal Code Section 8.12.065(C) provides that the City Council is to "Review the need for a continuing emergency declaration at regularly scheduled meetings at least every twenty-one (21) days until the emergency is terminated." Accordingly, the City Council has adopted the appropriate Resolutions declaring a continued local

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emergency related to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic within the required 21-day time period since the ratification of the proclamation at its March 24, 2020 regular meeting.

This item is being presented to the City Council to satisfy the requirements of Section 8.12.065(C). Given the ongoing state of emergency proclaimed by the Governor, the ongoing public health orders issued by the State, and the ongoing work required of City staff to respond to the pandemic and these proclamations and orders, it is recommended that the City Council adopt the Resolution declaring the need to continue the emergency declaration. The San Luis Obispo County (County) Public Health Officer and the County Emergency Services Director terminated the County's emergency declarations with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic on February 25, 2022. However, a statewide emergency declaration issued by the Governor remains in place related to the pandemic. In light of the ongoing statewide emergency, the ongoing impacts associated with the coronavirus within the Arroyo Grande community and the City organization, it is recommended that the City Council continue the declared local emergency.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The following alternatives are provided for the Council's consideration:

1. Adopt the Resolution declaring the need to continue the declared local emergency;  
or
2. Provide other direction to staff.

**ADVANTAGES:**

Adoption of the Resolution will satisfy the requirement of the Arroyo Grande Municipal Code regarding the periodic review of the declared local emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**DISADVANTAGES:**

No disadvantages have been identified to adopting the Resolution.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:**

No environmental review is required for this item.

**PUBLIC NOTIFICATION AND COMMENTS:**

The Agenda was posted at City Hall and on the City's website in accordance with Government Code Section 54954.2.

Attachments:

1. Proposed Resolution