

A PROCLAMATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES OF THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY WITHIN THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE (JANUARY 2023 STORM)

WHEREAS, Section 8.12. 060 of the Arroyo Grande Municipal Code empowers the Director of Emergency Services/City Manager ("Director") of the City of Arroyo Grande to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when the City is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the Disaster Council/City Council ("City Council") is not in session; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 8558 (c) defines such conditions to include flood, storm, hazardous materials incident, sudden and severe energy shortage, or other conditions that are or are likely to be, beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of this City, requiring the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat; and

WHEREAS, on January 4, 2023, the Governor of the State of California issued a Proclamation of a State of Emergency related to severe winter storms and a series of atmospheric river systems that struck California beginning on December 27, 2022, bringing high winds, substantial precipitation, and river, stream and urban flooding, the recitals and findings of which are referenced and incorporated herein as though set forth in full and are hereby adopted as the recitals and findings of the Emergency Services Director; and

WHEREAS, on January 8, 2023, the President of the United States declared that an emergency exists in the State of California and ordered Federal assistance to supplement State, tribal, and local response efforts due to the emergency conditions resulting from successive and severe winter storms, flooding, and mudslides; and

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2023, the Emergency Services Director for the County of San Luis Obispo issued a Proclamation of a Local Emergency related to severe winter storms and a series of atmospheric river systems that struck California beginning on December 27, 2022, bringing high winds, substantial rainfall, significant flooding, falling debris, downed trees, and widespread power outages; and

WHEREAS, the City of Arroyo Grande has been adversely impacted by the above referenced winter storms in a manner that threatens local infrastructure and public health and safety, and which exceeds the capacity of the City to address with its own personnel and resources; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager, as Emergency Services Director of the City of Arroyo Grande, does hereby find that conditions of disaster or extreme peril to the safety of persons and/or property have arisen within the City of Arroyo Grande, caused by severe winter storms, rising water levels along Arroyo Grande Creek and throughout other areas of the City and damage or threatened damage to City infrastructure presenting immediate peril to the health, safety and welfare of the residents and businesses of the City of Arroyo Grande and to City staff and operations commencing on or about 8:00 a.m. on the 4th day of January, 2023, due to the storm events that began on December 27, 2022, and:

1. Such conditions are, or are likely to be, beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City of Arroyo Grande; and
2. The City Council of the City of Arroyo Grande is not in session and cannot be immediately called into session.

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NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED by the Director of Emergency Services of the City of Arroyo Grande that a local emergency exists throughout the City; 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 City shall be those prescribed by State law, ordinances, resolutions and approved emergency plans of the City; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that as soon as hereafter possible, this Proclamation be filed in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Arroyo Grande and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this Proclamation and

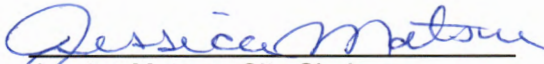
IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED and that said emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist for the next seven (7) days, and hereafter by ratification of the City Council, or until its termination by the City Council.

Dated: January 18, 2023




Whitney McDonald
Emergency Services Director

ATTEST:


Jessica Matson, City Clerk

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand affixed the Official seal of the City of Arroyo Grande, California on this 18th day of January, 2023


Jessica Matson
City Clerk