



MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Whitney McDonald, City Manager

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SUBJECT: Consideration of 1) Adoption of a Resolution Declaring a Continued Local Emergency Related to the January 2023 Storm Events and 2) a Declared Local Emergency for Subsequent Storm Events

DATE: March 14, 2023

SUMMARY OF ACTION:

Adoption of the Resolution will continue the declared local emergency related to the January 2023 storm events.

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 January 2023 storm events.

RECOMMENDATION:

1) Adopt a Resolution declaring a continued local emergency related to the January 2023 storm events and 2) a Declared Local Emergency for Subsequent Storm Events; and 3) Make findings that adopting the Resolution continuing a local emergency is not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") because it has no potential to result in either a direct, or reasonably foreseeable indirect, physical change in the environment. (State CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15060, subd. (b)(2)-(3), 15378.)

BACKGROUND:

As the City Council is aware, in accordance with Section 8.12.060 of the Arroyo Grande Municipal Code, the City Manager, in her capacity as the Director of Emergency Services, proclaimed a local emergency on January 18, 2023, regarding the severe January 2023 winter storms. The City Council ratified the proclamation at its regular meeting on January 24, 2023.

ANALYSIS OF ISSUES:

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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 emergency related to the January 2023 storm events within the required 21-day time period since the ratification of the proclamation at its January 24, 2023 regular meeting.

This item is being presented to the City Council to satisfy the requirements of Section 8.12.065(C). Given the current [state of emergency](#) proclaimed by the Governor, and the [Presidential Major Disaster Declaration](#) declared on January 14, 2023 and [Presidential Emergency Declaration](#) declared on January 9, 2023, it is recommended that the City Council adopt the Resolution declaring the need to continue the emergency declaration. The County of San Luis Obispo issued a similar [emergency declaration](#), which remains in effect. Federal, State and County emergency declarations associated with the January 2023 storm events, and resulting damage, continue to remain in effect. City staff continue to dedicate time towards responding to storm recovery efforts and continue to require support from County, State, and Federal emergency response resources to support these efforts.

ALTERNATIVES:

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

1. Adopt the Resolution declaring a continued local emergency related to the storm events; 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 January 2023 severe winter storms and support the City’s efforts to obtain assistance from County, State, and federal emergency response resources to recover from the disaster.

DISADVANTAGES:

No disadvantages have been identified to adopting the Resolution.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

No environmental review is required for this item. Adopting the Resolution continuing a local emergency is not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) because it has no potential to result in either a direct, or reasonably foreseeable indirect, physical change in the environment. (State CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15060, subd. (b)(2)-(3), 15378.)

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION AND COMMENTS:

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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
2. Revised Proposed Resolution
3. Proclamation of State of Emergency Relating to the March 2023 Storm Event