

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
BOARD ACTION SUMMARY

DEPT: Chief Executive Office / OES

BOARD AGENDA #: *B-5

AGENDA DATE: March 14, 2017

SUBJECT:

Approval to Continue the Countywide Proclamation of a Local Emergency Due to Flooding in Various Locations in Stanislaus County

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2017-115

On motion of Supervisor Monteith, Seconded by Supervisor Withrow
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: Olsen, Withrow, Monteith, DeMartini, and Chairman Chiesa

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) Approved as recommended

2) Denied

3) Approved as amended

4) Other:

MOTION:

ATTEST: 
ELIZABETH A. KING, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

File No.

**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
AGENDA ITEM**

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Urgent Routine

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CEO CONCURRENCE: pht

4/5 Vote Required: Yes No

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STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve to continue the countywide proclamation of a local emergency due to flooding in various locations in Stanislaus County.
2. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer/Director of Emergency Services or the Assistant Director of Emergency Services to continue any necessary actions in accordance with the Stanislaus County Code Section 2.52.110 to respond to the emergency.

DISCUSSION:

The winter of 2017 has produced high amounts of rain and snow and has impacted much of Northern California. During January and February, a series of significant storm systems struck California bringing massive amounts of snow and rainfall. This has inundated reservoirs, rivers, streams and creeks causing them to reach or exceed capacity, resulting in widespread flooding. Saturated soils coupled with high winds have toppled trees, power lines and forced the closure of several local roads and bridges due to flooding.

On February 13, 2017, the Chief Executive Officer/Director of Emergency Services initiated a Level 1 Emergency Operations Center activation as a result of local flooding along the San Joaquin River in west Stanislaus County. The activation allowed for the coordination of resources within the Stanislaus Operational Area. The high flows of the San Joaquin River flooded Fisherman's Bend Trailer Park on River Road, Catfish Camp Trailer Park on Crows Landing Road and threatened the Shiloh Road Resort Trailer Park on Shiloh Road.

By the evening of February 13, 2017, a shelter was opened at the Hammon Senior Center located at 1033 West Las Palmas in Patterson for those families affected by the flooding. Small animals were cared for at the Stanislaus Animal Services Agency on Cornucopia Way. As affected areas within the County increased the shelter was relocated to a larger location at the Turlock Turf Club at 900 North Broadway Avenue in Turlock.

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On February 14, 2017, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors proclaimed a local state of emergency due to the flooding. Proclaiming a local emergency allows the County to access resources to better assist residents affected by rising water levels and flooding and to assist with costs to fix local roads. The full level of assistance for County residents and roads still remains to be determined.

The Tuolumne River experienced high flows due to the precipitation in the watershed above Don Pedro Reservoir. The Turlock Irrigation District (TID) monitored and adjusted the outflow of Don Pedro Reservoir into the Tuolumne River to maintain a flow at Modesto's 9th Street Bridge that would minimize flooding and impacts to the area. Due to continued rain, TID opened one spillway gate in compliance with the US Army Corps of Engineers Flood Control Manual for the Reservoir. These high flows flooded Terrace and Driftwood Mobile Home Parks, numerous acres of agricultural land and private residences and businesses. The spillway gate was closed on February 27, 2017 per instructions from the Army Corps of Engineers.

Warning and notification to residents was a continuous activity for the Stanislaus County Joint Information Center. Road closures, debris removal from waterways, preparation of sandbags and levee repairs were additional impacts experienced during this event. For one affected dairy, cattle were relocated to another site due to flooding.

Officials continue to monitor all waterways within the County. Local rivers will continue to see high flows of water for weeks and months to come. It is anticipated the extreme snowpack and additional precipitation will result in a prolonged weather event with substantial impacts at various locations throughout the County.

POLICY ISSUE:

The Board of Supervisors shall review the need for continuing the local emergency at least once every 30 days, pursuant to Government Code Section 8630, subd. c. Termination of the emergency shall be proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant, pursuant to Government Code Section 8630, subd. d.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact associated with the flooding in various areas of Stanislaus County is not yet known. It is anticipated there will be fiscal impacts to this event including, but not limited to: private property damage, potential damage to roadways, bridges and other infrastructure, damage to local levees, increase staff overtime and operational costs.

Existing appropriations will be used initially for expenses required to respond to this emergency. Potential future budget adjustments, if required, will be reported in the coming weeks to the Board of Supervisors.

On February 23, 2017, Initial Damage Estimates (IDE) were input and sent to CalOES. A total of \$5.2 million was reported; which is broken down as \$1,534,000 in private property

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cumulative damages, \$500,100 cumulative damages to public property, and \$3,171,000 to agricultural crops.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PRIORITY:

The recommended actions support the Board's priorities of A Safe Community, A Healthy Community, Effective Partnerships and Efficient Delivery of Public Services by delivering emergency services, resources and support to local residents.

STAFFING IMPACT:

County staff from the Office of Emergency Services, Chief Executive Office, County Counsel, Sheriff's Department, Environmental Resources, Public Works, Health Services Agency, Auditor-Controller, Community Services Agency, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, Stanislaus Animal Services Agency, Agricultural Commissioner, General Services Agency, Planning and Community Development, Stanislaus Regional 9-1-1, and Strategic Business Technology and various other partners are dedicated to the safe response to weather-related impacts in Stanislaus County.

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ATTACHMENT(S):

None