

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

DEPT: Chief Executive Office / OES

BOARD AGENDA #: *B-1

AGENDA DATE: May 2, 2017

SUBJECT:

Approval to Accept the Third and Final Update on Flooding in Various Locations in Stanislaus County and Approval to Terminate the Countywide Local Emergency

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2017-218

On motion of Supervisor DeMartini, 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

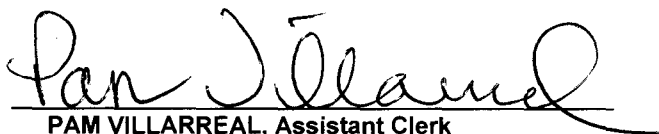
2) Denied

3) Approved as amended

4) Other:

MOTION:

ATTEST:


PAM VILLARREAL, Assistant Clerk

File No.

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

DEPT: Chief Executive Office / OES
Urgent Routine

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CEO CONCURRENCE: *PH*

4/5 Vote Required: Yes No

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STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Accept the third and final update on flooding in various locations in Stanislaus County.
2. Approval to terminate the Countywide local emergency due to flooding in various locations in Stanislaus County.
3. Direct staff to continue to monitor local reservoirs, rivers, streams, and creeks.

DISCUSSION:

The winter of 2017 produced high amounts of rain and snow, impacting much of Northern California. During January and February, a series of significant storm systems struck California, bringing massive amounts of snow and rainfall. This inundated reservoirs, rivers, streams, and creeks causing them to reach or exceed capacity, resulting in widespread flooding. Saturated soils coupled with high winds toppled trees and 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 an Emergency Operations Center activation as a result of local flooding. The activation allowed for the coordination of resources within the Stanislaus County Operational Area.

On February 14, 2017, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors proclaimed a local state of emergency due to the flooding. Proclaiming a local emergency allowed the County to access resources to better assist residents affected by rising water levels and flooding.

The Emergency Operations Center demobilized on February 24, 2017. Staff from the Office of Emergency Services continues to monitor local reservoirs, rivers, streams, and creeks. High flows are expected throughout the spring months and are not projected to pose another widespread flooding threat. Turlock Irrigation District (TID) continues to manage releases into the Tuolumne River and the San Joaquin River flows are maintaining a high, but steady flow; both rivers are below flood stage.

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On March 7, 2017, Governor Brown issued a Proclamation of a State of Emergency due to an atmospheric river storm system that occurred February 1 through 23, 2017. Following a destructive January, the February storm system caused cascading impacts throughout the State. On March 19, 2017, the Governor requested a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration for California, including Stanislaus County.

On April 2, 2017, President Trump approved a Major Disaster Declaration for California for the severe winter storms, flooding and mudslides from February 1 to February 23, 2017. County staff is working with the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the recovery process. Coordination of all agencies within the Operational Area will continue to occur.

Since local conditions no longer exceed available resources within the Stanislaus County Operational Area, it is recommended to terminate the countywide local emergency and direct staff to continue to monitor local waterways throughout the spring.

POLICY ISSUE:

The Board of Supervisors shall terminate the emergency 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 completely known. It is anticipated there will be fiscal impacts as a result of our localized flooding for months to come, 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 have been used initially for expenses required to respond to this emergency. Any State or Federal funding available through the recovery process will be utilized wherever possible. Potential future budget adjustments, if required, will be reported to the Board of Supervisors as they present themselves.

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:

Existing 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

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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