



CALAVERAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA SUBMITTAL

Short Name/Subject Continuing Declaration of Local State of Emergency - Roads	Board Meeting Date September 12, 2017	Agenda Number 16
Dept: Administrative Office Contact: Tim Lutz Phone: 209/754-6025	Supervisory District Number Countywide	Consent Agenda
Published Notice Required? No Public Hearing Required? No		Estimated Time: 0
Type of Document? Resolution PowerPoint Presentation Included? No Budget Transfer Included (Must be signed by Auditor)? No Complete Agreement Required? No Position Allocation Change? No		

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution continuing a Local State of Emergency for the winter storm damage from extreme weather events that began on January 7, 2017 through the month of February 2017.

DISCUSSION/SUMMARY:

Atmospheric rivers that began in early January of 2017 and have continued through February 2017 have caused extreme wind, rain and snowfall events throughout Northern California, including Calaveras County. The extreme winter weather conditions provided heavy rains, extreme wind conditions, mud and debris slides, and high snow levels.

These weather conditions has left the County’s road system with an initial estimated \$2.3 million in damage to roads and culverts, leaving several roads closed or limited to one way traffic. The damage is beyond the resources of the County staff and additional assistance is needed to repair the roads and restore service.

The County Director of Emergency Services on January 18, 2017 proclaimed a Local Emergency. A copy is attached.

The extreme weather event has created the following emergency conditions:

1. Downed trees that endanger the traveling public and block traffic on County maintained roadways.
2. Plugged culverts that caused erosion to the roadway section rendering all or portions of the road impassible
3. Erosion to the roadway section rendering all or portions of the road impassible
4. The collapse of culverts that led to the loss of roadway sections, thus closing all or portions of the roadway.

FINANCING:

The County's Local Emergency Declaration supported the State of California's declaration of a state level disaster declaration with the possibility of a federal declaration. Declarations from the state or federal levels will allow the County to seek reimbursement of the damage costs from the California Disaster Assistance Act through the California Office of Emergency Services and the Stafford Act, through the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board could chose not to declare that the extreme weather event is not a danger to the public. This is not recommended as this would create a significant delay to repair of the County road system and impacts to the residents of the County.

The County may then be responsible for funding the repairs from available funds, thus delaying other needs.

APPROVED BY:



Tim Lutz, County Administrative Officer

8/22/2017



Diane Beverud, Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

8/23/2017



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8/23/2017



David Sirias, Assistant County Counsel

8/28/2017

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF CALAVERAS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
September 12, 2017

Resolution
No. (ID # 3133)

**RESOLUTION DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF
EMERGENCY DUE TO THE EXTREME WINTER WEATHER**

WHEREAS, on January 18, 2017, the Director of Emergency Services for the County of Calaveras found that, due to the extreme winter weather experienced during the month of January 2017, a condition of extreme peril to life and property does currently exist in Calaveras County during the period beginning on the 7th day of January 2017 and lasting through the month of February 2017; and,

WHEREAS, the extreme winter weather has caused considerable damage to the County road system and has created dangerous driving conditions caused by the unusually heavy rains, extreme wind conditions, mudslides, and high snow levels, and

WHEREAS, the damage caused by these conditions are or likely beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of Calaveras County, and;

WHEREAS, Section 2.72.060 of the Calaveras County Code empowers the Board of Supervisors to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local state of emergency when said County is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2.72.010 et. seq. of the Calaveras County Code, the Director of Emergency Services has proclaimed a Local State of Emergency throughout Calaveras County; and,

WHEREAS, the Chair of the Board of Supervisors is the Director of Emergency Services in Calaveras County; and,

WHEREAS, the Calaveras County Director of Emergency Services does believe that these conditions are and will be present, the Board of Supervisors does desire to ratify the proclamation of the existence of a Local State of Emergency; and,

WHEREAS, the Calaveras County Board of Supervisors ratified the proclamation of the existence of a Local State of Emergency at their duly noticed Board of Supervisors hearings on January 24, 2017, February 14, 2017, February 28, 2017, March 14, 2017, March 28, 2017, April 11, 2017, April 25, 2017, May 9, 2017, May 23, 2017, May 30, 2017, June 13, 2017, June 27, 2017, July 11, 2017, July 25, 2017, August 8, 2017, August 22, 2017, and August 29, 2017; and,

WHEREAS, a copy of the January 24, 2017 resolution declaring a Local State of Emergency has been forwarded to the Governor of California with a request that he proclaim the County of Calaveras be in a state of emergency; and,

WHEREAS, a copy of the January 24, 2017 resolution declaring a Local State of Emergency has also been forwarded to the State Director of the Office of Emergency Services; and,

WHEREAS, a copy of the February 28, 2017 resolution that extended the declaration of a Local State of Emergency to include the month of February was forwarded to the Governor of California and State Director of the Office of Emergency Services.

WHEREAS, storm damage to the County maintained road crossing of Big Trees Creek on Blagen Road has rendered this road crossing inaccessible to emergency services and the public, and this loss of access results in severe consequences to essential services and operations for the community; and

WHEREAS, permanent repairs to the County maintained road crossing of Big Trees Creek on Blagen Road will take in excess of twelve months to complete.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Calaveras County Board of Supervisors does hereby extend the January 18, 2017, Declaration of a Local State of Emergency in Calaveras County as the result of extreme winter weather harm may cause to the traveling public.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Calaveras County Board of Supervisors does hereby find that the loss of the Blagen Road crossing of Big Trees Creek interrupts essential services and operations for the community and directs Staff to seek immediate measures to temporarily restore access to emergency services and the public.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the January 18, 2017 and February 28, 2017, Declarations of a Local State of Emergency in Calaveras County are hereby extended.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County of Calaveras also requests the State of California to waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts, to make available recovery assistance under the California Disaster Act, and to expedite access to federal resources and any other appropriate federal disaster relief programs.

Chair

ATTEST

Rebecca Turner, Ex-Officio Clerk
of the Board of Supervisors, County of Calaveras

Deputy Clerk