

RESOLUTION
of
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MARIN COUNTY

PROCLAIMING
CALIFORNIA FLOOD PREPAREDNESS WEEK
OCTOBER 20 – 25, 2014

WHEREAS, the County of Marin is bounded by the Pacific Ocean to the west and San Francisco and San Pablo Bays to the east, with numerous watersheds in between, and is therefore at particular risk from flash flooding and coastal inundation, and is vulnerable to rising bay and sea levels, as well; and

WHEREAS, the County of Marin recognizes the significant threat that flooding poses to Marin's people, economy, and environmental and built assets, having endured multiple flood events, including the historic floods of 1970, 1973, 1982, 1983, 1986, 1998, 2005, and 2006, which all caused damage to large numbers of homes and businesses; and

WHEREAS, due to the effects of climate change and rising sea levels, flooding is no longer only experienced during severe storm events, but also occurs during King Tides and other moderate weather conditions, and is expected to become a more common occurrence; and

WHEREAS, California Flood Preparedness Week 2014 will be held statewide during the week of October 20-25, with the theme of "Be Aware, Be Prepared, and Take Action!"; and

WHEREAS, during California Flood Preparedness Week, local, State and federal agencies work together to inform the public about the dangers of flooding, how to prepare their homes, families and businesses for flood events, and plan for recovery; and

WHEREAS, the County of Marin, predominantly through the Departments of Public Works, Emergency Services, Fire and the Community Development Agency, collaborates with local governments, special districts, residents and businesses on flood control, mitigation, public safety and recovery, provides year-round education, outreach and support, and maintains a flood preparedness website; and

WHEREAS, the County of Marin contacted the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to initiate local participation in the Community Rating System, documenting that the County's floodplain management activities exceed FEMA's requirements, therefore reducing homeowner insurance premiums; and

WHEREAS, the County of Marin is developing adaptation strategies to respond to changing storm and climate conditions, and rising sea levels, including: C-SMART (Collaboration: Sea-level Marin Adaptation Response Team), an inter-agency/public-private partnership; the Southern Marin Sea Level Rise Pilot Project, a community-based approach to assess the vulnerability of people, natural resources, and the built environment and engage the community in planning; and the Watershed Program, which employs the best available science to maintain and improve flood protection, using natural processes to enhance habitat and water quality; and

WHEREAS, the County of Marin maintains precipitation and stream gauges throughout the county that can be viewed at marin.onerain.com and is hosting a free training for the public to become volunteer weather observers as part of the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail & Snow Network during California Flood Preparedness Week, on Friday, October 24th at 4 PM in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin hereby proclaims the week of October 24 - 25 2014, as "California Flood Preparedness Week" and expresses support for increased public awareness of flood threats, encourages all county residents and businesses to take action to understand how flooding threatens their community and to prepare appropriately.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held this 21st day of October, 2014.

KATHRIN SEARS – DISTRICT 3, PRESIDENT

