October 6, 2015

Board of Supervisors
County of Marin
San Rafael, CA 94903

Re: First Reading of Ordinance Updating Section 2.99.035 of Marin County Code Relating to Emergency Organization and Functions to Reflect Change to California Government Code Section 8630 Requiring the Board of Supervisors to Review the Need for Continuing a Local Emergency Every 30 Days

It is recommended that your Board:

1. Conduct a First Reading of an Ordinance Updating Section 2.99.035 of Marin County Code to Reflect Change to California Government Code Section 8630 Requiring the Board of Supervisors to Review the Need for Continuing a Local Emergency Every 30 Days
2. Set Merit Hearing on October 13, 2015 to Amend Ordinance at Merit Hearing.

Subsequent to declaring a local emergency in December 2014 regarding damage sustained due to winter storms, it was determined that Marin County Code was no longer consistent with California Government Code Section 8630, which was amended in 2009 to require a Board of Supervisors to review the need for continuing a local emergency every 30 days rather than every 14 days.

The existing version of the County Code allowed for review of the emergency proclamation every 30 days, which has been our recent practice, since it referenced the applicable Government Code section 'or its successor.' However, it is recommended for clarity that County Code be amended to reflect the current language of the Government Code. We are also recommending specific reference in County Code to any amendment or successor to Government Code Section 8630 to eliminate the need to return to your Board for any future change to Government Code 8630.

If your Board should have any questions, please feel free to contact Dan Ellerman of my office at 499-6358, or you may contact me directly.

Respectfully submitted,

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COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Cc: Christopher Reilly, Sheriff Emergency Services Manager