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SUBJECT: Request from the County Administrator to consider adoption of a Resolution proclaiming a Local Emergency regarding damage sustained in Marin County due to recent winter storms

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the attached Resolution ratifying the proclamation of a Local Emergency for the County of Marin and requesting the Governor to ask the President of the United States to issue a Presidential Declaration of Emergency for the County of Marin

Dear Supervisors,

The Assistant Director of Emergency Services issued a Proclamation of Local Emergency for the County of Marin at 6:58 PM on February 15, 2019. This proclamation was issued to best assure Marin County's opportunity to recover State or Federal reimbursement for local damage that occurred beginning February 13, 2019.

California State law provides that the local emergency shall not remain in effect for more than seven days unless it has been ratified by the governing body, which means that your Board's February 26, 2019 meeting would be too late to ratify the attached proclamation. Adoption of the attached Resolution today as an urgency item in this special meeting of the Marin County Board of Supervisors will fulfill State requirements to ratify the Emergency Proclamation, and allow further State and Federal processes related to providing financial assistance to Marin for the local emergency to proceed.

The local emergency is caused by heavy rains, saturated ground, and high tides, which have toppled trees, washed out county roads, and washed out creek banks, endangering public infrastructure, and other damage and impacts, beginning on February 13, 2019. These conditions have also resulted in the closure of the North Coast Railroad Authority freight railway and State Highway 37 beginning February 14, 2019.

State law also requires that the governing body review the need for continuing the local emergency at least once every 30 days. The first review, in accordance with State requirements, will be scheduled for the March 19, 2019 Board of Supervisors meeting. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

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County Administrator