

A PROCLAMATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES OF THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY WITHIN THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE (MARCH 2023 AND ONGOING STORM EVENTS BEGINNING DECEMBER 27, 2022)

WHEREAS, Section 8.12.060 of the Arroyo Grande Municipal Code empowers the Director of Emergency Services/City Manager ("Director") of the City of Arroyo Grande to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when the City is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the Disaster Council/City Council ("City Council") is not in session; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 8558 (c) defines such conditions to include flood, storm, sudden and severe energy shortage, or other conditions that are or are likely to be, beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of this City, requiring the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat; and

WHEREAS, on January 4, 2023, the Governor of the State of California issued a Proclamation of a State of Emergency related to severe winter storms and a series of atmospheric river systems that struck California beginning on December 27, 2022, bringing high winds, substantial precipitation, and river, stream and urban flooding, the recitals and findings of which are referenced and incorporated herein as though set forth in full and are hereby adopted as the recitals and findings of the Emergency Services Director; and

WHEREAS, on January 8, 2023, the President of the United States declared that an emergency exists in the State of California and ordered Federal assistance to supplement State, tribal, and local response efforts due to the emergency conditions resulting from successive and severe winter storms, flooding, and mudslides; and

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2023, the Emergency Services Director for the County of San Luis Obispo issued a Proclamation of a Local Emergency related to severe winter storms and a series of atmospheric river systems that struck California beginning on December 27, 2022, bringing high winds, substantial rainfall, significant flooding, falling debris, downed trees, and widespread power outages; and

WHEREAS, an additional atmospheric river system struck the Central Coast beginning on March 9, 2023, and, on March 10, 2023, the Emergency Services Director for the County of San Luis Obispo issued a Proclamation of a Local Emergency related to severe winter storms and a series of atmospheric river systems that struck California beginning on December 27, 2022, and have been ongoing since that date; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2023, President Biden approved a California Emergency Declaration beginning on March 9, 2023, ordering Federal assistance to supplement State, tribal and local response efforts related to the ongoing atmospheric river systems; and

WHEREAS, the City of Arroyo Grande has been adversely impacted by the above referenced winter storms in a manner that threatens local infrastructure and public health and safety, and which exceeds the capacity of the City to address with its own personnel and resources; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager, as Emergency Services Director of the City of Arroyo Grande, does hereby find and determine as follows:

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1. That conditions of disaster or extreme peril to the safety of persons and/or property have arisen within the City of Arroyo Grande due to severe storms caused by a series of atmospheric river systems that have struck California since December 27, 2022, with the most recent atmospheric river system occurring March 9, 2023, bringing substantial rainfall, high winds, rising water levels along creeks within the City, and flooding of City streets and infrastructure, as well as damage to private property; and
2. That these conditions are expected to continue through the following week of March 13, 2023, bringing the potential for additional significant flooding, mudslides, strong wind gusts, debris, downed trees, and power outages throughout the City of Arroyo Grande; and
3. That such conditions, as a result of the ongoing atmospheric rivers, beginning December 27, 2022, are, or are likely to be, beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City of Arroyo Grande; and
4. That the City Council of the City of Arroyo Grande is not in session and cannot be immediately called into session.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED by the Director of Emergency Services of the City of Arroyo Grande that a local emergency exists throughout the City; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of this City shall be those prescribed by State law, ordinances, resolutions and approved emergency plans of the City; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that as soon as hereafter possible, this Proclamation be filed in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Arroyo Grande and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this Proclamation; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED and that said emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist for the next seven (7) days, and hereafter by ratification of the City Council, or until its termination by the City Council.

Dated: March 11, 2023



Whitney McDonald
Emergency Services Director

ATTEST:



Jessica Matson, City Clerk

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand affixed the Official seal of the City of Arroyo Grande, California on this 11th day of March, 2023

Jessica Matson

Jessica Matson
City Clerk