



February 13, 2024

Board of Supervisors  
County of Ventura

Board of Directors  
Ventura County Fire Protection District

Board of Supervisors  
Ventura County Watershed Protection District

800 South Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, California 93009

**Subject: Adopt a Resolution Ratifying the Sheriff's Proclamation of Local Emergency Due to the February 2024 Rain Events**

**Recommendation:**

It is recommended that your Board:

1. Receive and file a presentation from staff regarding the severe and sustained rains that impacted Ventura County starting on Sunday February 4, 2024, and associated response and recovery efforts; and
2. Adopt the attached resolution (Exhibit 1) ratifying the Ventura County Sheriff's proclamation on February 8, 2024, of a local emergency in Ventura County due to the February 2024 rain events.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Several funding programs have been requested by Ventura County to Cal OES including California Disaster Assistance Act funding (CDAA) and FEMA Public Assistance. This request was made on February 8, 2024 by the Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services.

**Discussion:**

Acting pursuant to the powers granted by virtue of section 5323-1 of the Ventura County Ordinance Code, as amended, for occasions when your Board is not in session, Sheriff Jim Fryhoff, as Director of Emergency Services, proclaimed the existence of a local emergency on February 8, 2024, due to severe and sustained rainstorms starting on

February 4, 2024, in Ventura County. These storms led to disaster conditions, including flooding threats, the evacuation of homes, and damage to roads, watersheds, and infrastructure, which posed extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within Ventura County.

On February 8, 2024, a request for funding assistance was made to the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services. Programs requested include the California Disaster Assistance Act fund (CDAA) and FEMA Public Assistance.

Because the rains and associated damages continue to pose extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within Ventura County, as described above, it is recommended that your Board ratify Sheriff Fryhoff's proclamation and declare a local emergency pursuant to Government Code section 8630 et seq. In doing so, it is recommended that your Board adopt the attached resolution.

County Counsel and the Auditor-Controller's Office have reviewed this item. If you have any questions regarding this item, please contact Mike Pettit at 654-2864 or me at 654-2681.

Respectfully,



Sevet Johnson, PsyD  
County Executive Officer

Exhibit 1 - Resolution  
Exhibit 2 - Sheriff Proclamation of Local Emergency