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800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, California 93009

**Subject: Adopt a Resolution Ratifying the Sheriff's Proclamation of Local
Emergency Due to the January 2023 Rain Events**

Recommendation:

It is recommended that your Board:

1. Receive and file a presentation from staff regarding the rains that began in Ventura County on Sunday January 8, 2023, and associated response and recovery efforts; and
2. Adopt the attached resolution (Exhibit 1) ratifying the Ventura County Sheriff's proclamation on January 17, 2023, of a local emergency in Ventura County due to the January 2023 rain events.

Fiscal Impact:

Several funding programs have been requested by Ventura County to Cal OES including California Disaster Assistance Act funding (CDAA), FEMA Public Assistance, FEMA Individual Assistance and USDA Disaster Relief Programs. This request was made on January 17, 2023 by the Sheriff's 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 January 17, 2023, determining that the rains constituted conditions of disaster and posed extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within Ventura County requiring evacuations, sheltering, and causing major damage to housing, roads, infrastructure, and watersheds.

On January 17, 2023, 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), FEMA Public Assistance, FEMA Individual Assistance and USDA Disaster Relief Programs geared toward helping local agriculture operations.

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