RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2021-276

MEETING: May 18, 2021

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeremy Briese, Sheriff

RE: Resolution Terminating the Existence of a Local Emergency Due to Atmospheric River Weather Event

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Adopt a Resolution Terminating the Existence of a Local Emergency caused by a Meteorological "Atmospheric River" Weather Event in late January, 2021 in Mariposa County.

On January 22nd, 2021, a powerful storm system arrived to our area, bringing with it a meteorological "atmospheric river" of rainfall and snow at higher elevations. This same storm system lingered over the area until January 29th, 2021. The measured snow depth was over 10 feet in certain areas of the county, with 6-8 inches of rain registered at lower elevations. Significant damages have been recorded to public infrastructure, including roads and facilities. Additionally, significant expenses have been incurred due to major snow removal operations. Damaged infrastructure continues to be discovered and will likely occur for many more days and weeks to follow.

On February 3, 2021, Sheriff Jeremy Briese, acting as the Director of Emergency Services, pursuant to Mariposa County Code Section 2.80.040, issued a Proclamation of Local Emergency. This Proclamation was Ratified by the Board of Supervisors on February 9, 2021.

The emergency conditions, and their affects, have now abated sufficiently to cause the situation of extreme peril to be deemed to be within the control of the normal protective services, personnel, equipment and facilities of and within the County of Mariposa and it is appropriate for the existing resolution for the Atmospheric River Weather Event to be terminated.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board has ratified similar proclamations in the past during other emergencies, and also subsequently terminated said proclamations once the emergency conditions are deemed to be under control.
ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Continue a Local Emergency beyond what conditions warrant.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
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ATTACHMENTS:
Atmospheric River Weather Event Termination  (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Wayne Forsythe, District IV Supervisor
SECONDER: Tom Sweeney, District II Supervisors
AYES: Smallcombe, Sweeney, Long, Forsythe, Menetrey
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RESOLUTION TERMINATING THE LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO THE ATMOSPHERIC RIVER WEATHER EVENT

WHEREAS, an extreme weather event beginning late January, 2021 resulted in conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property, including significant damage to critical public infrastructure; and private property.

WHEREAS, Sheriff Jeremy Briese, acting as the Director of Emergency Services, proclaimed the existence of a local emergency according to Section 8630 of the California Government Code and Chapter 2.80 of the Mariposa County Code on February 3, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors ratified that proclamation at their next regular meeting, held February 9, 2021; and

WHEREAS, emergency conditions, and their effects, have now abated sufficiently to cause the situation resulting from said conditions of extreme peril to be deemed to be within the control of the normal protective services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of and within said County of Mariposa; and

WHEREAS, ongoing recovery and cleanup efforts include the continued commitment of California Disaster Assistance Act and any other applicable state or federal resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors, State of California, does hereby terminate the said local emergency and any associated powers and authorities granted to staff and the Board of Supervisors. This Resolution takes effect upon approval.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa, a political subdivision of the State of California, this 18th day of May, 2021 by the following vote:

AYES: SMALLCOMBE, SWEENEY, LONG, FORSYTHE, MENETREY
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
EXCUSED: NONE

MARSHALL LONG, Chair
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

RENE LaROCHE
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

STEVEN W. DAHLEM
County Counsel