



MARIPOSA COUNTY

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RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2021-31

MEETING: January 22, 2021
TO: The Board of Supervisors
FROM: Jeremy Briese, Sheriff
RE: Adopt Resolution Ratifying Proclamation of the Existence of a Local
Emergency Due to Mono Wind Event

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Adopt a Resolution Ratifying the January 19, 2021, Proclamation by the Director of Emergency Services of the County of Mariposa, State of California, Proclaiming the existence of a local emergency and requesting state and/or federal funds to assist with recovery efforts.

On January 15th, 2021, Mariposa County officials were advised of a Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) event to impact our County, as well as other adjacent Counties, due to a significant Mono Wind event. PSPS activity initiated in Mariposa County on January 19th, at approximately 12:00 a.m., de-energizing a large residential area of Mariposa County. However, wind speeds were greater than anticipated and created significant damage downing trees and power lines which, in turn, caused structure damage and fires, as well as leaving significant numbers of county residents trapped in areas without electricity.

On January 19, 2021 Sheriff Jeremy Briese, acting as the Director of Emergency Services, pursuant to Mariposa County Code Section 2.80.040, issued the attached Proclamation declaring a local emergency.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 8630, whenever a local emergency is proclaimed by an official designated by ordinance, the local emergency shall not remain in effect for a period in excess of seven days unless it has been ratified by the governing Board.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board has ratified similar proclamations in the past during other emergencies.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

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If the Board does not ratify the proclamation, the County will not be eligible for possible State or Federal disaster assistance.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

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ATTACHMENTS:

Wind Event Emergency Proclamation (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Miles Menetrey, District V Supervisor

SECONDER: Tom Sweeney, District II Supervisors

AYES: Smallcombe, Sweeney, Long, Forsythe, Menetrey

RESOLUTION NO. 21-31

RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE JANUARY 19, 2021, PROCLAMATION BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES OF THE COUNTY OF MARIPOSA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO A WIND EVENT AND REQUESTING STATE AND/OR FEDERAL FUNDS TO ASSIST WITH RECOVERY EFFORTS

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 8630 empowers the Board of Supervisors of any County to proclaim a local emergency when the County is affected or could be affected by a natural or manmade disaster; and

WHEREAS, on January 19, 2021 a wind event (known as the Mono Wind Event) struck Mariposa County causing the downing of trees and power poles which, in turn, caused extensive structure and other damages, as well as fires; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Jeremy Briese, serving in his capacity as Director of Emergency Services of Mariposa County, proclaimed the existence of a local emergency on January 19, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors does hereby find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within Mariposa County caused by this major event.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a local emergency now exists throughout Mariposa County and the prior Proclamation of Emergency issued by the Director of Emergency Services is hereby ratified; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during the existence of the local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the Director of Emergency Services and the emergency services organization of the County shall be those prescribed by state law, by ordinances, and by resolutions of Mariposa County approved by the Board of Supervisors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County requests the use of California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) funding, Stafford Act funding, other funding sources and other resources should they be made available for local jurisdictional preparation and response to the Mono Wind Event; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Governor of the State of California and the State Director of the Office of Emergency Services; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Emergency Services, or his designee, is hereby designated as the local Hazard Mitigation Coordinator of the County of Mariposa for the purpose of assessing damage within Mariposa County and consulting with federal/state survey teams about hazard mitigation actions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Emergency Services, or his designee, is hereby designated as the authorized representative for public assistance, and the

Director of Emergency Services, or his designee, is hereby designated as the authorized representative for individual assistance to the County of Mariposa for purpose of receipt, processing, and coordination of all inquiries and requirements necessary to obtain available state and federal assistance.


PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa, a political subdivision of the State of California, this 22nd day of January, 2021 by the following vote:

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