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DATE: March 18, 2019
TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members
FROM: Timothy A. Miller, City Administrator *Jan*
RE: Local State of Emergency

RECOMMENDATION

Consideration to adopt Resolution No. 03-18-2019-A ratifying the Mayor's Proclamation of a Local State of Emergency (attached).

DISCUSSION

The Mayor issued the proclamation given the extent of storm drain damage that occurred at Sunrise Hills and other infrastructure damage that may be discovered. The Council now needs to ratify by resolution the initial proclamation. The proclamation has been forwarded to the State Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) as will the resolution once ratified. These actions will trigger an inspection by CalOES and initiate the City's request for State assistance. Given the potential magnitude of the cost of repairs of the storm drain system and other damage and cost as yet undetermined, this seemed to be the prudent action.

RESOLUTION 03-18-2019-A

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SONORA RATIFYING A PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF SONORA DUE TO EXISTING AND ANTICIPATED DAMAGES BY SEVERE WEATHER AND FLOODING

WHEREAS, California Government Code section 8630 and Chapter 8.30 of the Sonora Municipal Code empowers the City Council to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property and are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor in his role as Emergency Services Director, proclaimed a local State of Emergency to exist on March 12, 2019; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code section 8630(b) requires the Council to ratify said declaration within seven days; and

WHEREAS, Article 14 section 8630(c) requires the governing body to review the need for continuing the local emergency at least once every 30 days until the governing body terminates the local emergency; and

WHEREAS, a series of thunder storms in a three-hour period which delivered several inches of hail followed by several inches of rain resulting in wide spread flooding of the City including commercial and public buildings and private residences; and

WHEREAS, as the local creeks overflowed roads became impassable and were compromised by excessive water, flooding and erosion; infrastructure was damaged; debris accumulated; and, phone service and emergency communication was lost; and

WHEREAS, unless the risks caused by this intense heavy rain are immediately abated, there will be a significantly increased risk to life and property, and interruption of essential services; and

WHEREAS, the magnitude of these storms represents a threat that is beyond the capacity of the City services, personnel, equipment, and facilities and requires coordination and assistance from State and Federal agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council does hereby ratify the Emergency Services Director's proclamation attached hereto as Exhibit A and find that the aforesaid conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the proclamation of a local emergency in the City of Sonora and imminent threat of disaster as the result of existing and anticipated damages from flooding due to severe weather.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Sonora also request the Governor of the State of California Proclaim a State of Emergency and authorize financial assistance under the California Disaster Assistance Act or any other State funding and waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts. Furthermore, our Council requests assistance via the State of California to expedite access to federal resources and any other appropriate federal disaster relief programs (e.g. USDA Funding, etc.).

PASSED AND ADOPTED as a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Sonora at a regular meeting held on the 18th day of March 2019, by the following vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

Signed and Dated:

James M. Garaventa
Mayor of the City of Sonora

ATTEST:

Colette Such
Sonora City Clerk Pro Tempore

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Douglas L. White
Sonora City Attorney



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Proclamation of Local State of Emergency

WHEREAS, in accordance with Chapter 8.30.050 of the Sonora Municipal Code, which empowers the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when Sonora is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the City Council is not in session; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services of the City of Sonora does hereby find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within said City, caused by a series of thunder storms in a three hour period which delivered several inches of hail followed by several inches of rain resulting in wide spread flooding of the City including commercial and public buildings and private residences as the local creeks overflowed causing impassable roads compromised by excessive water, flooding and erosion; damaged infrastructure; accumulated debris; and, loss of phone service and emergency communication which began on Wednesday, March 6, 2019; and

WHEREAS, these conditions are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of Sonora; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Sonora is not currently in session and cannot be immediately called into session; and

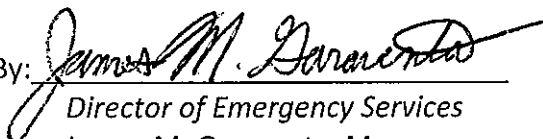
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a local emergency now exists throughout Sonora; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of the City shall be those prescribed by State law, by ordinances, and resolutions of this City and that this emergency proclamation shall expire 7 days after issuance unless confirmed and ratified by the governing body of the City of Sonora; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that said local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the City Council of the City of Sonora, State of California; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that this emergency proclamation shall be ratified by the City Council within 7 days after issuance or this emergency proclamation shall expire by operation of law.

Dated: March 12, 2019

By: 

Director of Emergency Services
James M. Garaventa, Mayor
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