



CITY OF SALINAS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

DATE: MAY 9, 2023

DEPARTMENT: FINANCE

FROM: MARK ROBERTS, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

TITLE: RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AUTHORIZED SIGNERS FOR
FEMA AND CAL OES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion authorizing the City Manager, Director of Finance, or Director of Public Works to execute and file the application for obtaining federal financial assistance with the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) on behalf of the City of Salinas.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

It is recommended that the City Council approve a Resolution authorizing the City Manager, Director of Finance, or Director of Public Works to execute and file the application for obtaining federal financial assistance with the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) on behalf of the City of Salinas.

BACKGROUND:

On January 10, 2023, the City Council ratified a proclamation declaring the existence of a local emergency in the City caused by a severe winter storm/atmospheric river that took place January 3, 2023 thru January 5, 2023. On January 14, 2023, the President approved a major disaster declaration for several counties in California and on January 17, 2023 (FEMA-4683 - DR-CA), Monterey County was added to this declaration for the storm that occurred during January 3-5, 2023 and the resulting flooding that occurred and indicated federal disaster assistance would be made available.

On March 21, 2023, the City Council approved another proclamation declaring the existence of a second local emergency in the City caused by a second severe winter storm/atmospheric river that occurred on March 12, 2023 through March 14, 2023. On April 4, 2023, the President approved a major disaster declaration for California 2023 (FEMA- 4699- DR-CA) and indicated federal disaster assistance would be made available.

The City is eligible for recovery of costs associated with each disaster and will be submitting applications for both federal and state financial assistance for each disaster.

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

Not a Project. The City of Salinas has determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378). In addition, CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 includes the general rule that CEQA applies only to activities which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Because the proposed action and this matter have no potential to cause any effect on the environment, or because it falls within a category of activities excluded as projects pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378, this matter is not a project. Because the matter does not cause a direct or foreseeable indirect physical change on or in the environment, this matter is not a project. Any subsequent discretionary projects resulting from this action will be assessed for CEQA applicability.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

Submitting an application for disaster financial assistance will fulfill the Infrastructure and Environmental Sustainability goal.

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

Application for FEMA and Cal OES reimbursement is being coordinated by the Department of Finance, with assistance from the Department of Public Works.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

The federal share shall not be less than 75% of eligible costs. The state's cost-share under the California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) is 75% of the non-federal share (18.75%). The local share is 6.25%. Based on potential total estimated cost of approximately \$19 million, FEMA would cover \$14,250,000 the state would cover \$3,562,500 and the City would be responsible for \$1,187,500.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution