



**PROCLAMATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY BY THE DIRECTOR
OF EMERGENCY SERVICES OF THE CITY OF SALINAS**

WHEREAS, Section 11A-6 of the Salinas Municipal Code empowers the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the City Council is not in session; and

WHEREAS, due to an expected severe storm which is expected to produce a significant amount of rain over several hours and the expectation for flooding in some localized areas, on January 2, 2023, the Monterey County Department of Emergency Management notified the public that the Monterey County Operational Area Emergency Operations Center will increase to a Level 1 (High) Activation beginning Wednesday, January 4, 2023, through the duration of the storm impacts expected to occur January 4 to January 5, 2023; and

WHEREAS, on January 3, 2023, the National Weather Services has issued a Flood Watch for Monterey County in effect from late Tuesday (January 3, 2023) to Thursday (January 5, 2023) afternoon. According to the National Weather Services: "A potent Pacific storm will bring substantial rainfall to the Bay Area and Monterey Bay Region on top of already saturated soils. Flooding caused by excessive rainfall is possible. As a result, [residents are encouraged to] look for rapid rises in area creeks, streams, and rivers. In addition, strong gusty winds will bring branches and trees down, which may cause localized damming of water ways"; and

WHEREAS, on January 3, 2023, the Monterey County Office of Emergency Services issued a local proclamation because of the expected winter storm/atmospheric river and placed a Flood Watch in effect from January 4, 2023, at 4:00 A.M. until January 5, 2023, at 4:00 P.M. and issued a High Wind Warning to be in effect from January 4, 2023, at 4:00 A.M. until January 5, 2023, at 10:00 A.M.; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services finds that conditions and threatened conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons or property have arisen within the city of Salinas, caused by the January 4 and 5, 2023, winter storm/atmospheric river; and

WHEREAS, these conditions are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City, requiring the combined forces of other political subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services is identified in Salinas Municipal Code section 11A-5 as the City Manager and is provided powers delineated in Salinas Municipal Code

section 11A-5 (to appoint an Assistant Director of Emergency Services) and section 11A-6 (powers and duties during an emergency); and

WHEREAS, this Proclamation of Local Emergency will be ratified by the City Council within seven days of being issued.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED by the Director of Emergency Services for the City of Salinas, that a local emergency exists throughout the city of Salinas and that said local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the City Council; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND REQUESTED that the Governor of the State of California find and proclaim Monterey County (to include all incorporated and unincorporated areas within said county) to be in a State of Emergency; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that the Director of Emergency Services, Assistant Director of Emergency Services, who shall be appointed by the Director, are hereby designated as the authorized representatives of the City of Salinas for the purpose of receipt, processing, and coordination of all inquiries and requirements necessary to obtain available state and federal assistance; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Proclamation of Local Emergency be forwarded to the State Director of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services with a request that the State Director find the Proclamation of Local Emergency acceptable in accordance with provisions of the California Disaster Assistance Act; forward this Proclamation to the Governor of California for consideration and action; waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts; and make all relevant funds available to the City of Salinas and all eligible community members and businesses, including, but not limited to aid provided by the Small Business Administration and aid made available by the California Disaster Assistance Act, to assist the City of Salinas with an appropriate level of response, recovery, and mitigation measures; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the Director of Emergency Services and the emergency organization of this City shall be those prescribed by state law, charter, ordinances, and resolutions of this City, and; that this emergency proclamation shall expire January 11, 2023, unless confirmed and extended by the City Council of the City of Salinas.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Director of Emergency Services for the City of Salinas, State of California, this 4th day of January 2023.

APPROVED:



Steven S. Carrigan, City Manager
Director of Emergency Services

1/4/23

Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Christopher A. Callihan, City Attorney

1/4/2023

Date

ATTEST:



Patricia M. Barajas, City Clerk

1/4/2023

Date