



## **CITY OF SALINAS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

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**DATE:** April 18, 2017

**DEPARTMENT:** FINANCE

**FROM:** Matt N. Pressey, Finance Director

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

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

A motion authorizing the City Manager, Finance Director, 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.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council approve a Resolution authorizing the City Manager, Finance Director, 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:**

As part of claiming reimbursement from Cal OES and FEMA, the state requires the governing body of the City to approve a resolution designating the applicant's agent who will sign the application and file the application with the State. This resolution will designate the City Manager, Finance Director and Director of Public works as agents authorized to sign and submit the application.

**BACKGROUND:**

On March 21, 2017, the City Council approved a resolution proclaiming a state of emergency in the City caused by a succession of winter storms during the month of February 2017 and approved a resolution approving \$1,560,000 supplemental appropriation in capital project 9260 as an initial estimate.

On April 1, 2017, the President approved a major disaster declaration for California for the storm that occurred during February 1-23, 2017 (FEMA-4038-DR-CA) and indicated federal disaster assistance would be made available. On April 10, 2017, the City received a letter from the Cal OES with instructions for filing an application by April 25, 2017 for the federal and state assistance.

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

**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.

**STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:**

Submitting an application for disaster financial assistance will accomplish the goal of an Effective, Sustainable Government and help maintain the goals of Excellent Infrastructure, Economic Diversity and Prosperity, and a Safe, Livable Community.

**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 a potential total estimated cost of approximately \$2,000,000, FEMA would cover \$1,500,000, the state would cover \$375,000 and the City would be responsible for \$125,000.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Resolution