CITY COUNCIL EMERGENCY MEETING

Monday, January 09, 2023 at 2:30 PM

94 N. Washington Street, Sonora, CA 95370
(209) 532-4541

AGENDA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sonora City Council will have an emergency meeting on Monday, January 9, 2023, at 2:30 PM in the City of Sonora Council Chambers located at 94 N. Washington Street Sonora, CA 95370.

NOTICE: THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 52953(E) AND THE CITY OF SONORA CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 12-19-2023-A.

THIS MEETING IS PHYSICALLY OPEN TO THE PUBLIC OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING AT:

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT.

THIS MEETING WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND WILL BE AVAILABLE VIA ZOOM. IT WILL ALSO BE LIVE STREAMED ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE AT www.sonoraca.com.

Written comments can be submitted to be included as part of the administrative record, they will not be read during the meeting. All comments must be received by 3:00 pm on the day of the noticed meeting and can be submitted to the City Clerk at 94 N. Washington Street Sonora, CA 95370 or via email to tskelly@sonoraca.org.

OPEN SESSION - 2:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT

EMERGENCY SESSION

1. Consider adoption of Resolution 01-09-2023-A ratifying a Proclamation of a Local State of Emergency in the City of Sonora, as required by the California Emergency Services Act, California Government Code Section 8630(b).

ADJOURNMENT

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Administrator at City Hall (209) 532-4541, eads@sonoraca.com. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting (28 CFR 35.102-35.104 ADA Title II).

Materials related to an item on this Agenda submitted to the City Council after distribution of the agenda packet are available for public inspection in the City Administrator's Office at 94 N. Washington Street, Sonora, CA 95370 during normal business hours (8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays). The agenda and supporting public documents are also available on our City website www.sonoraca.com listed under the agenda/minutes link on the Government page.

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: January 9, 2023

TO: City Council Members

FROM: Melissa Eads, City Administrator

SUBJECT: Ratification of a Local State of Emergency due to Extreme Weather

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RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Council adopt Resolution 01-09-2023-A ratifying a Proclamation of a Local State of Emergency in the City of Sonora, as required by the California Emergency Services Act, California Government Code Section 8630(b).

DISCUSSION

On January 9, 2023, in accordance with Section 8.30.050 of the Sonora Municipal Code, the City Administrator issued a proclamation of a local state of emergency due to extreme weather conditions. Beginning on or about December 27, 2022, winter storms related to an atmospheric river system struck the City of Sonora bringing damaging winds, substantial precipitation including significant snowfall at higher elevations, flooding, and soil erosion, which has damaged public and private property, including critical infrastructure and facilities and imperiled person in the City of Sonora and this system continues to impact the City. Weather conditions contributing to increased risk of flooding are forecasted to persist through the forecast period, and the existing and anticipated conditions are beyond the resources of the City of Sonora.

The conditions caused by winter storms in the City of Sonora, by reason of their magnitude, create extreme peril to the safety of person and property, will impact significant City and community operations, including critical public infrastructure and services, and will require the provision of additional public safety and emergency services beyond the immediate capabilities of local resources, services, personnel, equipment, and facilities.

On January 6, 2023, a copy of the signed Proclamation of Local Emergency was provided to Tuolumne County and to the California Office of Emergency Services, as required to order materials for the recovery efforts.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no impact to the General Fund by ratifying the Proclamation of a Local State of Emergency. The total impact of the extreme weather cannot be assessed yet and shall be deemed to continue to exist for the duration of the Local Emergency.

ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution 01-09-2023-A
- Proclamation of a Locate State of Emergency signed by Melissa Eads, City Administrator

RESOLUTION 01-09-2023-A

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF SONORA RATIFYING A PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF SONORA, AS REQUIRED BY THE CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY SERVICES ACT, CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 8630(b).

WHEREAS, Section 8.30.050 of the Sonora Municipal Code empowers the City Administrator of the City of Sonora to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency in the City when Sonora is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity, the City Council is not in session and could not immediately be called into session, and other specified circumstances are present; and

WHEREAS, the City Administrator proclaimed a local State of Emergency to exist on January 09, 2023, as those conditions specified in Section 8.30.050 were present; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code section 8630(b) requires the City Council to ratify said declaration within seven (7) days; and

WHEREAS, Section 8.30.030 of the Sonora Municipal Code directs that the City Administrator shall also be the Director of Emergency Services, and Section 8.30.060 of the Sonora Municipal Code authorizes the Emergency Services Director to order and enforce certain emergency measures; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Sonora does hereby find that:

1. Beginning on or about December 27, 2022, winter storms related to an atmospheric river system struck the City of Sonora bringing damaging winds, substantial precipitation including significant snowfall at higher elevations, flooding, and soil erosion, which has damaged public and private property, including critical infrastructure and facilities and imperiled person in the City of Sonora and this system continues to impact the City; and

2. Weather conditions contributing to increased risk of flooding are forecasted to persist through the forecast period; and

3. That existing and anticipated conditions are beyond the resources of the City of Sonora; and

4. That the conditions caused by winter storms in the City of Sonora, by reason of their magnitude, create extreme peril to the safety of person and property, will impact significant City and community operations, including critical public infrastructure and services, and will require the provision of additional public safety and emergency services beyond the immediate capabilities of local resources, services, personnel, equipment, and facilities; and

5. The City Council of the City of Sonora was not in session at the time of issuance of the proclamation and could not immediately be called into session, and circumstances were present at the time, pursuant to which the City Administrator was authorized to make the proclamation.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sonora as follows:

1. That the City Council does hereby ratify the City Administrator'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

2. That during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the Director of Emergency Services and the emergency organization of the City shall be those prescribed by state law, Sonora Municipal Code, and by ordinance and resolutions of the City of Sonora approved by the City Council, including Ordinance No. 881, and by the City of Sonora Emergency Operations Plan, as approved by the City Council; and

3. The City of Sonora may request any available funding from the California Disaster Assistance Act, the Small Business Administration, or any other funding available as a result of this proclamation of local emergency; and

4. The City will cooperate fully with other government agencies, including the State of California and Tuolumne County, for the duration of the local emergency.

5. The local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the City Council.

PASSED AND ADOPTED as a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Sonora, California, at a special meeting of said City Council held on January 09, 2023, by the following votes:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Signed:

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Mark Plummer,
Mayor of the City of Sonora

ATTEST: _____
Tracy Skelly, City Clerk

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Proclamation of Local State of Emergency

WHEREAS, in accordance with Chapter 8.30.050 of the Sonora Municipal Code and Ordinance No. 881, which empowers the Director of Emergency Services of the City of Sonora 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:

1. Beginning on or about December 27, 2022, winter storms related to an atmospheric river system struck the City of Sonora bringing damaging winds, substantial precipitation including significant snowfall at higher elevations, flooding, and soil erosion, which has damaged public and private property, including critical infrastructure and facilities and imperiled person in the City of Sonora and this system continues to impact the City; and

2. Weather conditions contributing to increased risk of flooding are forecasted to persist through the forecast period; and

3. That existing and anticipated conditions are beyond the resources of the City of Sonora; and

4. That the conditions caused by winter storms in the City of Sonora, by reason of their magnitude, create extreme peril to the safety of person and property, will impact significant City and community operations, including critical public infrastructure and services, and will require the provision of additional public safety and emergency services beyond the immediate capabilities of local resources, services, personnel, equipment, and facilities; and

5. The City Council of the City of Sonora is not currently in session and cannot be called into session immediately.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a local emergency exists throughout the City of Sonora pursuant to Government Code Section 8630 and other applicable laws; and

BE IT FUTHER PROCLAIMED that during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the Director of Emergency Services and the emergency organization of the City shall be those prescribed by state law, and by ordinance and resolutions of the City of Sonora approved by the City Council, and by the City of Sonora Emergency Operations Plan, as approved by the City Council; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that said local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist for the next seven (7) days, and thereafter by ratification of the City of Sonora City Council.

Dated: January 5, 2023

By:_____
Director of Emergency Services
Melissa Eads
94 N. Washington Street
Sonora, CA 95370