



Special Emergency Meeting

San Rafael City Council

Tuesday, October 29, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.
Council Chambers
City Hall, 1400 Fifth Avenue
San Rafael, California

Agenda

In accordance with California Government Code Section 54956, Mayor Gary Phillips has called a special emergency meeting of the City Council of the City of San Rafael to be held on October 29, 2019, at 8:00 a.m. for the following purposes:

1. Call special meeting of the City Council to order
 - a. City Councilmember Kate Colin teleconferencing from 7951 Fleur Du Lac Drive, Truckee, CA 96161
2. **Public Safety Power Shutoff Local Emergency**
Resolution Ratifying and Modifying the City Manager/Director of Emergency Services' Proclamation of the Existence of a Local Emergency
Recommended Action – Adopt Resolution
3. Public Comments
4. Adjournment

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SAN RAFAEL CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

Department: City Clerk

Prepared by: Lindsay Lara, City Clerk

City Manager Approval: _____

TOPIC: PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUTOFF LOCAL EMERGENCY

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION RATIFYING AND MODIFYING THE CITY MANAGER/DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES' PROCLAMATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution ratifying and modifying the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency.

BACKGROUND:

On Wednesday, October 23, 2019, PG&E issued a red flag alert for parts of Marin County and an alert of forecasted high winds on Monday through Thursday of the following week. Given the severity of the situation City staff began preparing for an anticipated Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS).

On Friday, October 25, 2019, PG&E issued a formal notice of potential PSPS due to increased fire risk from forecasted severe weather conditions including high temperatures, high winds and low humidity. On October 26, 2019 Marin County and City staff partially activated the Emergency Operation Center in response to the likelihood of a PSPS. On Saturday, October 26, 2019 at approximately 5:30 PM PG&E began to de-energized significant portions of all of Marin.

At approximately 6:00 AM on Monday, October 28, 2019, PG&E announced an 'all clear' and planned to begin restoration, which could take 24-48 hours. At the time of this report (9:00 AM October 28, 2019) grid power had not been restored to San Rafael. A second PSPS event is likely to begin on October 29th.

ANALYSIS:

Pursuant to Government Code section 8630 and City of San Rafael Municipal Code Section 7.12.020 the City Manager/Director of Emergency Services issued a proclamation of local

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emergency due to the conditions created by PG&Es de-energizing the electrical system in the San Rafael and the associated impacts to public safety and service delivery.

Adoption of the recommended ratifying Resolution ratifies the proclamation of a local emergency issued by the Director of Emergency Services on October 26, 2019 and modifies it to include additional language requesting state assistance.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

OPTIONS:

The City Council has the following options to consider on this matter:

1. Adopt the resolution
2. Adopt resolution with modifications.
3. Do not adopt the resolution. (The City Council may choose to not adopt the recommended Resolutions. Under this alternative the City may be limited in its ability to recover costs should the State make an official declaration of emergency and reimbursement funds become available.)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Adopt a Resolution ratifying and modifying the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Ratifying Resolution
2. Declaration of Local Emergency

PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Government Code section 8630 and City of San Rafael Municipal Code section 7.12.020 authorize and empower the City Manager of the City of San Rafael to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the City of San Rafael is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the City Council of the City of San Rafael is not then in session, subject to confirmation by the City Council within seven days thereafter; and

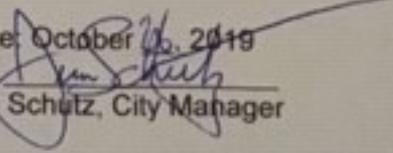
WHEREAS, City Manager of the City of San Rafael has found the conditions created by significant wind events and red flag warnings that has resulted in de-energization by PG&E of the electrical system in significant portions of the City of San Rafael constitute a disaster and extreme peril to life and property within the City of San Rafael; and

WHEREAS, such condition of disaster and extreme peril began on October 26, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of San Rafael is not presently in session;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY MANAGER/DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES OF THE CITY OF SAN RAFAEL DECLARES AND PROCLAIMS as follows:

1. Conditions of disaster and extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within City of San Rafael as of 5:30 PM October 26, 2019 caused by significant wind events and red flag warnings that has resulted in de-energization by PG&E of the electrical system in significant portions of the City, which is impacting City and community operations including but not limited to critical public and private infrastructure and public services, and will require the provision of additional public safety and emergency services.
2. In consequence of said conditions and pursuant to Government Code section 8630 and City of San Rafael Municipal section 7.12.020 a local emergency now exists throughout the City of San Rafael.
3. During this local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the City Manager and the emergency organization of City of San Rafael shall be those prescribed by State law, and the ordinances, resolutions, and approved emergency services plans of the City of San Rafael.
4. This proclamation of local emergency shall be reviewed by the City Council of the City of San Rafael within seven days and if not confirmed and ratified by the City Council shall expire on the seventh day or such earlier date as specified by the City Council.
5. This proclamation and the contents thereof shall be published and promulgated in as widespread a manner as reasonably feasible in light of the conditions prevailing during the local emergency.

Date: October 26, 2019
By: 
Jim Schutz, City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN RAFAEL, COUNTY OF MARIN, RATIFYING AND MODIFYING THE CITY MANAGER/DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES' PROCLAMATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Section 7.12.020 of the San Rafael Municipal Code empowers the City Manager/Director of Emergency Services of the City to proclaim the existence of a local emergency if the City Council is not in session, and requires that the City Council shall take action to ratify the proclamation within seven days thereafter; and

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby finds that conditions of disaster or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the City of San Rafael caused by PG&E de-energizing the electrical system associated with a Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) commencing on or about the 26th day of October 2019, at which time the City Council of the City of San Rafael was not in session; and

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby finds that the above-described conditions of extreme peril did warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency in the City of San Rafael; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager acting as the Director of Emergency Services did proclaim the existence of a local emergency within the City on the 26th day of October 2019 at 5:30 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, a second PSPS event is likely to begin on October 29th; and

WHEREAS, it has now been found that local resources are inadequate to cope with the sustained impacts of the local emergency from the PSPS;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of San Rafael that the Proclamation of Local Emergency, as issued by the City Manager/Director of Emergency Services, is hereby ratified and confirmed; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of this 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, by ordinances and resolutions of this City, and by the City of San Rafael Emergency Operations Plan in order to mitigate the effects of this emergency; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that all City officials and employees cooperate and coordinate efforts with officials and employees of other political subdivisions and officials and employees of the state and federal government in bringing the present condition of local emergency under control; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Governor of California with the request that he proclaim the existence of a State of Emergency throughout the City of San Rafael and/or to the Director of the State Office of Emergency Services with a request for State aid to the City of San Rafael; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager/Director of Emergency Services is hereby designated as the authorized representative of the City of San Rafael 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 PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that this local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is declared by the City Council of the City of San Rafael.

I, **LINDSAY LARA**, Clerk of the City of San Rafael, California, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly and regularly introduced and adopted at a special emergency meeting of the Council of the City of San Rafael held on the 29th day of October 2019, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS:

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:

LINDSAY LARA, City Clerk