



TOWN OF FAIRFAX

STAFF REPORT

February 1, 2023

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Heather Abrams, Town Manager

SUBJECT: Adopt a Resolution confirming and continuing the existence of a local emergency that was declared by the Town Manager as EOC Director on January 5, 2023

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the Resolution.

BACKGROUND

Beginning on or about December 27, 2022, severe storms impacted Marin County and specifically Fairfax, resulting in downed trees, localized flooding and accompanying destruction of property.

California Governor Newsom declared a state of emergency on January 4, 2023.

On January 5, 2023, the Town Manager proclaimed a local state of emergency which was ratified by the Town Council at a Special Meeting on January 10, 2023 to address the immediate needs presented by the impacts of the storms.

DISCUSSION

Since December 27, 2022, Staff has continued to expend resources to address the results of the storm and is continuing to gather and collect information related to the storm's impacts.

Staff recommends that the local state of emergency be continued to be able to address ongoing issues that may still arise or become known due to impacts of the recent storms. Staff will continue to take steps to document costs associated with these storms and prepare for reimbursement through State and Federal sources, as appropriate.

FISCAL IMPACT

The full costs of increased staff hours, repairs needed, etc. is not yet known. Staff will keep the Council informed, and staff is planning to seek reimbursement to the greatest extent possible.

ATTACHMENT

Resolution

RESOLUTION 23-__

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX
CONFIRMING AND CONTINUING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY DECLARED BY
THE TOWN MANAGER AS EOC DIRECTOR ON JANUARY 5, 2023**

WHEREAS, Section 2.52.070 of the Town of Fairfax Code empowers the Town Manager as the EOC Director to proclaim the existence of a local emergency, subject to ratification by the Town Council within seven days; and

WHEREAS, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the Town, commencing on or about noon on the 27th of December, 2022 caused by repeated occurrences of high winds, heavy rain, and atmospheric river conditions resulting in fallen trees, localized flooding and accompanying destruction of property; and

WHEREAS, the conditions of extreme peril did warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency on January 5, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Town Manager, as the EOC Director of the Town of Fairfax did proclaim the existence of a local emergency within said Town on the 5th day of January 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council did confirm the existence of a local emergency and ratify the Town Manager's Proclamation at a Special Meeting on the 10th day of January, 2023 by Resolution 23-02; and

WHEREAS, the Town Manager, as the EOC Director of the Town of Fairfax has determined that the local state of emergency should remain in place while reports and information regarding the damage and impacts that took place continue to be gathered.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that said local emergency is confirmed to exist and shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax, State of California.

The foregoing Resolution was duly passed and adopted at a special meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax held in said Town on the 1st day of February 2023, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Chance Cutrano, Mayor

Attest: _____
Michele Gardner, Town Clerk