

**PROCLAMATION OF EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY
BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
OF THE CITY OF CAPITOLA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

WHEREAS, the California Emergency Services Act (California Government Code sections 8639, 8550, et. seq.) defines a local emergency as the existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the territorial limits of a city, caused by conditions such as an epidemic, which are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of a city, and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat;

WHEREAS, Capitola Municipal Code Section 8.08.060 empowers the Director of Emergency Services for the City of Capitola to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when the City is affected or likely to be affected by the existence of disaster or extreme peril which is, or is likely to be, beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of this City, requiring the combined forces of other political subdivisions to control; and

WHEREAS, on December 30 and 31, 2022, Santa Cruz County, including the City of Capitola, experienced a major rain event (the “2022-23 Atmospheric River Winter Storm”); and

WHEREAS, as a result of the 2022-23 Atmospheric River Winter Storm, major flooding of Soquel Creek in Santa Cruz County caused damage to public and private property in the unincorporated County just upstream from Capitola; and

WHEREAS, various other roads and infrastructure in the City of Capitola has been damaged as a result of the 2022-23 Atmospheric River Winter Storm; and

WHEREAS, current estimates of the damage caused by the 2022-23 Atmospheric River Winter Storm exceed \$1.5 million, and the true extent of the damage caused by the 2022-23 Atmospheric River Winter Storm has yet to be ascertained; and

WHEREAS, soil conditions in the City of Capitola and County of Santa Cruz remain saturated as a result of the 2022-23 Atmospheric River Winter Storm, and an additional atmospheric storm event is expected on January 4 and 5, 2023, increasing the likelihood of further damage from earth slippage events, including the potential for flooding; and

WHEREAS, at the time of this Proclamation, the City Council is not in session.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS PROCLAIMED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Conditions caused by the 2022-23 Atmospheric River Winter Storm in the City of Capitola, including but not limited to flooding along Soquel Creek, as well as other currently undiscovered damage related to the 2022-23 Atmospheric River Winter Storm, constitute conditions of disaster and extreme peril to the safety of persons, their property and public services.

2. An emergency, as defined in Section 8.08.020 of the Capitola Municipal Code, Government Code Section 8558(c), and Public Contract Code Section 1102, now exists in the City of Capitola.

3. During the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the City Manager or designee shall be those prescribed by State law and the ordinances, resolutions, codes and approved plans of the City of Capitola in order to mitigate the effects of the local emergency.

4. Pursuant to Section 8.08.090 of the Capitola Municipal Code, all expenditures made in connection with this local emergency, including mutual aid activities, shall be deemed to be for the direct protection and benefit of the inhabitants and property of the City of Capitola.

5. The City Manager, or his designee, is hereby designated as the authorized Agent for the City of Capitola for the purposes of receipt, processing, and coordination of all inquiries and requirements necessary to obtain available County, State, and federal assistance.

6. Pursuant to Government Code section 8630, the local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist for a period of up to seven (7) days, and thereafter by ratification and extension by the City Council until it is terminated by the City Council.

DATE: January 4, 2023

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