

Proclamation by the Director of Emergency Services of a Local Emergency

WHEREAS, Municipal Code Section No. 8.10.035, Article A-1 of the Los Gatos Municipal Code empowers the Director of Emergency Services, or in the Director's absence the Acting Director to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the Town of Los Gatos is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the Town Council is not in session, and;

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services of the Town of Los Gatos hereby finds:

1. Beginning December 27, 2022, severe winter storms related to a series of atmospheric river systems struck California, bringing high winds, substantial precipitation, and river and urban flooding; and
2. It is forecasted that additional and continuing storms related to this series of atmospheric river systems threaten Santa Clara County and the Town of Los Gatos, bringing heavy rainfall, expected flooding, strong winds and wind gusts, falling debris, downed trees, and widespread power outages; and
3. These storms threaten critical infrastructure, movement of resources, burn scars from recent wildfires potentially causing mud and debris flows; resulting in and threatening power outages to households and businesses; and cause and continue to threaten river and urban flooding due to excessive and prolonged rainfall; and
4. Based on the aforementioned the Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority in the State Constitution and statutes, including the California Emergency Services Act, and in particular, Government Code Section 8625, proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist throughout California; and

WHEREAS, the above facts give rise to conditions of extreme peril to the safety and health of persons within the Town of Los Gatos.

WHEREAS, these conditions are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the Town of Los Gatos, and;

WHEREAS, the efforts required to prepare for, respond to, mitigate, and recover from these storms are likely to impose extraordinary requirements and expenses on the Town, requiring diversion of resources from day-to-day operations; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Los Gatos is not in session and cannot immediately be called into session:

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a local emergency now exists throughout the Town of Los Gatos, and;

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of the Town of Los Gatos shall be those prescribed by state law, by ordinances, and resolutions of this Town, and that this emergency proclamation shall expire in 7 days after issuance unless confirmed and ratified by the Town Council of the Town of Los Gatos.

Dated: 4 January 2023

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