

CITY OF OAKLAND

AGENDA REPORT

08 JAN 15 AM 2:40

TO: Office of the City Administrator
ATTN: Deborah Edgerly
FROM: Oakland Fire Department
DATE: January 15, 2008

RE: RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND AND REQUESTING THAT THE GOVERNOR PROCLAIM A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND AND REQUEST A PRESIDENTIAL DECLARATION

SUMMARY

It is recommended that the City Council ratify the proclamation signed by the City Administrator on January 11, 2008, by approving a resolution confirming the existence of a local emergency in the City of Oakland and request that the Governor proclaim a State of Emergency in the City of Oakland and request a Presidential Declaration, as a result of the winter storms that occurred on January 3, 2008.

FISCAL IMPACT

Preliminary estimates for storm-related damages and restoration costs were provided by the City's Community Economic Development Agency (CEDA) and are currently estimated at \$1.5 million. It was reported to the City's Office of Emergency Services that as of January 11, 2008, the City's Community Economic Development Agency and Office of Public Works continued to respond to damage. On January 11, 2008, CEDA provided the refined damage estimates which are now being compiled in a report and must be forwarded to the Alameda County Office of Emergency Services by January 16, 2008. Alameda County will be sending the damage estimates to the State Office of Emergency Services.

BACKGROUND

The recent winter storm resulted in torrential rains driven by high winds, causing broken trees with hanging limbs, uprooted trees, inoperable street lights and traffic signals, clogged sewers, overflowed storm drains, plugged inlets, mud slides, man hole overflows, leaking roofs at numerous City owned facilities, soil erosion from runoff, potholes and power outages throughout the City of Oakland.

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As a result of the heavy rains that began on January 3, 2008, damage was caused by an eroded/saturated hillside in the Oakland hills above the Skyline Boulevard roadway which blocked the watercourse along the roadway and diverted the water across the roadway onto the hillside. The damage to the roadway is between 7257 and 7293 Skyline Boulevard. The date of this major emergency incident occurred on Friday, January 4, 2008. The eroded materials blocked the gutter upstream from an inlet on Skyline and caused the rain water to cross over the roadway in a sheet-flow manner onto the hillside below the roadway and into City property. The amount of water diverted from Skyline onto the hillside was massive enough to cause movement of the hillside towards private property and residence at 6770 Oakwood Drive. The mud flow blocked a private drain at 6770 Oakwood Drive, caused mudflow into stairways, deck, gardens, and other private improvements. Mud and debris flow continued to reach Oakwood Drive and blocked City storm drainage system and the roadway.

The Preliminary damage assessment provided by the City's Community Economic Development Agency staff, contractors and Office of Public Works staff was noted as follows:

- Skyline Boulevard,
- City property below Skyline Boulevard,
- Private property at 6770 Oakwood Drive and Oakwood Drive

Finally, this major emergency incident created by the storms, caused the closing of approximately a 100 foot portion of Skyline Boulevard. The road remains closed until it is rebuilt. Currently, a detour for traffic is in effect.


KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

The declaration of a local emergency begins the process for the City to qualify for State and/or Federal resources for reimbursement of eligible costs incurred by the City of Oakland in response to the storm in the categories of debris removal and disposal, emergency protective measures, damages to road and bridge systems, water control facilities, public buildings and equipment, parks and recreation facilities. Once the City has an official declaration, residents and businesses who have incurred eligible damage costs resulting from the winter storm are given the opportunity to apply for individual assistance from federal and state disaster assistance programs, if it is offered.

RECOMMENDATION

As a result of the substantial damages caused by the January 3, 2008, winter storm and the City's emergency response and mitigation measures, staff recommends that the City Council approve this report and resolution confirming the existence of a Local Emergency in the City of Oakland and request that the Governor proclaim a State of Emergency in the City of Oakland and request a Presidential Declaration.

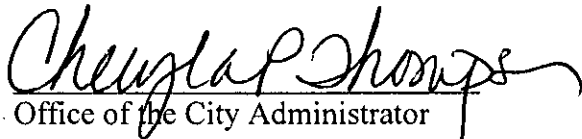
Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED FOR FORWARDING
TO THE CITY COUNCIL



Office of the City Administrator

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OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
OAKLAND_____
City Attorney

RESOLUTION No. _____

C.M.S.

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RESOLUTION (1) RATIFYING THE LOCAL EMERGENCY THAT THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR PROCLAIMED ON JANUARY 11, 2008 DUE TO THE SEVERE IMPACTS AND CALAMITIES CAUSED BY THE SERIES OF WINTER STORMS THAT COMMENCED ON OR ABOUT JANUARY 3, 2008 AND (2) REQUESTING THAT THE GOVERNOR DECLARE A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND AND REQUEST THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES DECLARE THAT AN EMERGENCY HAS OCCURRED IN CALIFORNIA THAT IS BEYOND THE STATE'S RECOVERY CAPABILITIES

WHEREAS, Government Code section 8630(a) and Ordinance No. 10923 C.M.S. of the City of Oakland, adopted December 8, 1987, as amended, empower the Oakland City Council to proclaim a local emergency due to the existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the territorial limits of the City of Oakland caused by such conditions as air pollution, fire, flood, storm, epidemic, riot, drought, sudden and severe energy shortage, plant or animal infestation or disease; and

WHEREAS, Government Code section 8630(a) and Ordinance No. 10923 C.M.S. of the City of Oakland, also authorize the City Administrator to proclaim the existence of a local emergency and Government Code section 8630(b) further provides that any emergency declared by the City Administrator will not remain in effect for more than seven days unless the City Council ratifies the existence of the local emergency; and

WHEREAS, the series of winter storms that commenced on January 3, 2008, has brought extreme wind conditions, unusually heavy rains and high snow levels throughout the state which have also severely impacted the City of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, the City Administrator proclaimed the existence of a local emergency on January 11, 2008, due to the winter storms that commenced on January 3, 2008; and

WHEREAS, as a direct and immediate result of the storm the City suffered and continues to suffer significant damage from high winds and heavy rainfall; and

WHEREAS, a mud slide occurred as a direct consequence of the heavy rains, causing the evacuation of two homes and leading to the complete closure of a segment of roadway between 7257 and 7295 Skyline Drive, an important and necessary roadway within the City of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, subsequent rainfall exacerbated the dangerous conditions because the soil was already saturated and is unable to absorb additional precipitation; and

WHEREAS, the City has undertaken extraordinary emergency repair measures to prevent further saturation of the hillside in order to save the private and public properties threatened as a result of the mud slide; and

WHEREAS, the mud slide continues to directly threaten at least two private dwellings on Oakwood Drive as well as the previously identified segment of Skyline Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, these conditions are beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of the City of Oakland and these conditions severely impair public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, Government Code section 8630(b) requires that the City Council ratify the City Administrator's proclamation of a local emergency within seven days; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the City Council hereby ratifies the City Administrator's January 11, 2008 proclamation of the existence of a local emergency, in the City of Oakland and declares that a local emergency continues to exist due to conditions that are beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of the City of Oakland and these conditions severely impair public health and safety; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the City Council hereby requests that the Governor proclaim a State of Emergency in the City of Oakland and request that the President of the United States declare that an emergency has occurred in California that is beyond the state's recovery capabilities; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of this City shall be those prescribed by state law, the charter, ordinances, resolutions, and approved plans of the City of Oakland.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 2008

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, KERRIGAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID, and PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST: _____
LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California