



## Legislation Text

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El Dorado County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services recommending the Board find that a state of emergency continues to exist in El Dorado County as a result of the February and March 2023 Storms. (Cont. 6/18/2024, Item 24)

**FUNDING:** N/A

### **DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND**

On February 21, 2023, a severe storm fell on El Dorado County, bringing substantial precipitation and heavy snow, resulting in power outages and damage to infrastructure. To preserve life, the Sheriff's Office and Department of Transportation staff may need additional resources due to the local emergency. El Dorado County has not identified the full extent of damages experienced from the storm due to existing snow on the ground. This proclamation of a local emergency sets in motion El Dorado County's ability to seek assistance from State and Federal resources.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 8630, the Board of Supervisors, or an official designated by the Board by ordinance may declare a Local Emergency. Government Code 8558 defines a Local Emergency as "the proclaimed existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the territorial limits of a county, city and county, or city, caused by conditions such as air pollution, fire, flood, storm, epidemic, riot, drought, cyber terrorism, sudden and severe energy shortage, plant or animal infestation or disease, the Governor's warning of an earthquake or volcanic prediction, or an earthquake, or other conditions, other than conditions resulting from a labor controversy, which are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of that political subdivision and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat." Chapter 2.21 of the County Ordinance Code designates the Sheriff as the Director of the Office of Emergency Services and delegates to the Director the authority to declare a Local Emergency when the Board is not in session. The Sheriff proclaimed the existence of a local emergency on March 3, 2023. This action must be reviewed and ratified by the Board within seven days, in accordance with California Government Code Section 8630.

On March 7, 2023, Resolution #045-2023 was signed by the Board ratifying the Proclamation of a Local Emergency by the Director of the Office of Emergency Services (Sheriff) due to condition of extreme period from an imminent and proximate threat from the February and March 2023 Storms.

The Proclamation of the existence of a local emergency by the Director of Emergency Services due to the February and March 2023 Storms requires reaffirmation by the Board of Supervisors every 60 days until such local emergency has concluded.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

N/A

### **PRIOR BOARD ACTION**

Legistar #23-0523, March 7, 2023, Item 44

**OTHER DEPARTMENT/AGENCY INVOLVEMENT**

N/A

**CAO RECOMMENDATION / COMMENTS**

Approve as recommended.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

There are no costs or financial impact relative to this recommendation.

**CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS**

N/A

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