

**City of Yuba City
Fire Department
Staff Report**

Date: January 15, 2008
To: Honorable Mayor & Members of the City Council
From: William E. Fuller, Administrative Analyst III
Presentation By: Marc Boomgaarden, Fire Chief

Summary

Subject: CONFIRMATION OF PROCLAMATION OF EXISTENCE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY, AS ISSUED BY THE YUBA CITY EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution proclaiming and ordering that the Proclamation of Existence of a Disaster, as issued by the Yuba City Emergency Services Director on January 8, 2008, is hereby confirmed by the City Council of Yuba City.

Fiscal Impact: There is no immediate fiscal impact with the City Council confirming and ratifying the action taken by the City Manager/City Emergency Services Director. This Proclamation, in conjunction with the declarations by Sutter County and the State of California, will support the ability of Yuba City to seek reimbursement for storm-related activities, under the State's Disaster Assistance Act.

Background:

As the City Council is well aware, on the morning of Friday, January 4, 2008, a storm with unprecedented wind and rain passed through the Sacramento Valley causing damage to homes, businesses and roads. The storm resulted in fallen trees and downed power lines and created widespread disruption of electrical power and communications which threatened critical public services, being governmental services, public safety, medical care, and water treatment. Damage to roofs, fences and electrical services to homes and businesses created conditions of peril to the safety of persons and property in the

community. Although the storm passed through the area, the effects of the storm continue to impact the community and its residents. Some Yuba City area residents are still without power, and PG&E was projecting having them back in service by Friday, January 11th.

Section 2-8.06 (a1) of the Yuba City Municipal Code empowers the City's Emergency Services Director to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a disaster when Yuba City is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity, and the City Council of Yuba City is not in session. The City Council must confirm and ratify the actions taken by the City Emergency Services Director within seven (7) days of the original proclamation.

Due to the existence of conditions of peril to the safety of residents and property within the Yuba City area caused by the January 4th storm, the City Manager, in his additional capacity as City Emergency Services Director, issued the Proclamation of Existence of a Local Emergency on Tuesday, January 8th to assist in the response and recovery efforts by the City of Yuba City. The County of Sutter issued a similar action on Sunday, January 6th and on Monday, January 7th Governor Schwarzenegger included the County of Sutter in his State emergency declaration, which will enable governmental agencies to seek reimbursement for storm-related activities.

Analysis:

As required under the Municipal Code, the City staff has placed this staff report and related resolution on tonight's agenda for the City Council to take action to confirm and ratify the emergency declaration issued on January 8th.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no immediate fiscal impact with the City Council confirming and ratifying the action taken by the City Manager/City Emergency Services Director. This Proclamation, in conjunction with the declarations by Sutter County and the State of California, will support the ability of Yuba City to seek reimbursement for storm-related activities, under the State's Disaster Assistance Act. An estimate of the City's storm related expenses may be available for you at your January 15th meeting.

Alternatives:

Do not confirm and ratify the Proclamation of Existence of Local Emergency, issued on Tuesday, January 8, 2008, and provide additional direction to City staff.

Recommendation:

Adopt a Resolution proclaiming and ordering that the Proclamation of Existence of a Disaster, as issued by the City Manager/City Emergency Services Director on January 8, 2008, is hereby confirmed by the City Council of Yuba City.

Attachments:

Proclamation of Existence of a Local Emergency, issued on January 8, 2008.

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RESOLUTION NO. 08-

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF YUBA CITY CONFIRMING THE PROCLAMATION OF
EXISTENCE OF A DISASTER, AS ISSUED BY THE YUBA CITY
EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR**

WHEREAS, Section 2-8.06 (a1) of the Yuba City Municipal Code empowers the City's Emergency Services Director to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a disaster when Yuba City is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity, and the City Council of Yuba City is not in session, subject to confirmation and ratification by the City Council of the City of Yuba City within seven (7) days of the original proclamation; and

WHEREAS, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within Yuba City caused by the January 2008 Storm, which commenced at or about 0300 on the 4th day of January 2008, with unprecedented wind and rain causing damage to homes, businesses and roads, including fallen trees and downed power lines and creating widespread disruption of electrical power and communications which has threatened critical public services, being governmental services, public safety, medical care, and water treatment.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Yuba City does hereby find that the aforementioned conditions of extreme peril did warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a disaster; and

WHEREAS, the Yuba City Emergency Services Director did proclaim the existence of a disaster within the City of Yuba City on the 8th day of January, 2008.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Yuba City does hereby proclaim and order that the Proclamation of Existence of a Disaster, as issued by the Yuba City Emergency Services Director, is hereby confirmed by the City Council of Yuba City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said disaster shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the City Council of the City of Yuba City.

The foregoing Resolution was duly introduced, passed and adopted at a regularly scheduled meeting thereof held on the 15th day of January, 2008.

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:

Rory Ramirez, Mayor

ATTEST:

Terrel Locke, City Clerk

CITY OF YUBA CITY
PROCLAMATION OF EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, section 2-8.06 (a1) of the Yuba City Municipal Code empowers the City's Emergency Services Director to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a disaster when said City is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity, and the City Council of Yuba City is not in session, subject to ratification by the City Council of the City of Yuba City within seven (7) days thereafter; and

WHEREAS, the Yuba City Emergency Services Director does hereby find:

That conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within Yuba City caused by the January 2008 Storm, which commenced at or about 0300 on the 4th day of January 2008; and

That homes, businesses and roads have been damaged by the unprecedented wind and rain, including flooding and fallen trees; and

That the widespread disruption of electrical power and communications has threatened critical public services, including governmental services, public safety, medical care, and water treatment; and

That the aforementioned conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a disaster; and

That the City Council of the City of Yuba City is not in session (and cannot immediately be called into session).

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED under the power granted to me by Section 2-8.06 (a1) of the Yuba City Municipal Code, that a disaster now exists throughout the City of Yuba City.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that said disaster shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the City Council of the City of Yuba City, State of California.

Proclaimed on January 8, 2008.



STEVEN JEPSEN

Yuba City Emergency Services Director

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