

Beginning February 27, 2014, severe winter rain storms occurred in the County of Los Angeles, which has resulted in the evacuation of residents, the loss of property, debris and mud flow, rockslides, blocked culverts and the closure of major transportation routes. Several County of Los Angeles Departments have engaged in emergency response activities relating to, among other things, emergency management, fire and rescue, public works, law enforcement, animal control, care and shelter, health and welfare, and municipal service, as well as responding to the requirements of persons with disabilities and others with access and functional needs. The heavy rain damage had a negative impact on businesses, individuals and transportation routes. Economic assistance is necessary for those businesses and individuals who may not be able to recover from this event. The overall dollar cost of this incident to the public and private sectors is still being assessed. These conditions necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency within Los Angeles County.

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This emergency will require an assessment of the impacted areas to ensure the safety of all mitigation and recovery efforts, law enforcement, and other personnel as reentry and restoration occur.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Ratify the attached proclamation made on March 7, 2014 for the heavy rains beginning in Los Angeles County on February 27, 2014. This proclamation shall remain in effect until its termination is proclaimed by the Board;
- 2) Forward a copy of the proclamation to the Director of the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services with the request that the Director find it acceptable in accordance with state law; and request that a Governor's Proclamation be provided under the California Disaster Assistance Act; and that the state expedite access to federal resources and any other appropriate federal disaster relief programs;
- 3) Instruct the Director of Public Works to provide status reports every 60 days while emergency response activities are underway; and
- 4) Direct County Departments to implement all response, mitigation, restoration and recovery efforts, as appropriate.

**PROCLAMATION OF EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND REQUEST FOR A STATE PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 2.68 of the Los Angeles County Code empowers the Chairman of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when the County is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the Board of Supervisors is not in session; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chairman of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors finds that beginning February 27, 2014, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons, public and private property arose as a result of severe winter rain storms that caused flooding, mud and debris flow, rockslides, blocked culverts and mandatory evacuations, affecting unincorporated East San Gabriel Valley communities, and the unincorporated areas of Lake Hughes, Lake Elizabeth and the surrounding areas in Los Angeles County, which have created conditions that are beyond the control of local resources; and

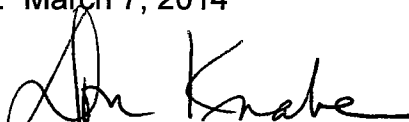
**WHEREAS**, these conditions warrant and necessitate that the County proclaim the existence of a local emergency;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** by the Chairman of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors that a local emergency exists throughout Los Angeles County, and that if the Board does not take action to ratify this emergency proclamation within seven days of its issuance, it shall have no further force or effect;

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND PROCLAIMED** that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of the County shall be those prescribed by state law, by ordinances, and resolutions of the County; and

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND PROCLAIMED** that a copy of this proclamation be forwarded to the Director of the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services requesting that the Director find it acceptable in accordance with State law; that the Governor of California, pursuant to the Emergency Services Act, issue a proclamation declaring an emergency in Los Angeles County; that the Governor waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts; that recovery assistance be made available under the California Disaster Assistance Act; and that the State expedite access to Federal resources and any other appropriate federal disaster relief programs.

Date: March 7, 2014

  
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**Don Knabe**  
**Chairman, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors**