

Proclamation of Local Emergency Due to Severe Winter Storms

By the Director of Emergency Services

March 8, 2023

BACKGROUND

- A. Under Section 1.15.030(C) of the South Lake Tahoe City Code, the Director of Emergency Services is empowered to issue a proclamation of local emergency if the City Council is not in session, to be ratified by the City Council within seven days thereafter.
- B. Beginning in late February 2023, the City of South Lake Tahoe has received a series of back-to-back storms with multiple feet of snow resulting in heavy snow loads on roofs, road damage, and other infrastructure and property damage within city limits. Weather forecasts indicate a warm atmospheric river will result in significant rainfall beginning on March 9 and lasting for several days, which is expected to cause widespread flooding and further property damage to public and private property because of the large existing snowpack.
- C. The severe winter storms have created conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the territorial limits of the City of South Lake Tahoe, and these conditions are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City.
- D. On March 3, 2023, the El Dorado County Sheriff proclaimed a local emergency for El Dorado County under the California Emergency Services Act, California Government Code section 8850 *et seq.*, due to the severe winter storms in February and March 2023, which was ratified by the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors on March 7, 2023, by adoption of Resolution No. 046-2023.
- E. The City Council is not now in session and cannot immediately be called into session.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED THAT

1. I find that the conditions in Section 1.15.020 of the South Lake Tahoe City Code and Section 8558(c) of the California Government Code, relating to the proclamation of a local emergency are met, and that a local emergency now exists throughout the City of South Lake Tahoe.
2. During the existence of this local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the Director of Emergency Services shall be those prescribed by state law ordinances, and resolutions of the City of South Lake Tahoe, as well as the City of South Lake Tahoe's Emergency Operations Plan.

3. The Director of Emergency Services is authorized to obtain any and all assistance from local, county, state, and federal agencies, including but not limited to aid and assistance pursuant to the California Disaster Assistance Act.
4. The Director of Emergency Services may authorize emergency purchases under Section 3.45.070 of the South Lake Tahoe City Code as needed to address this local emergency.
5. The Director of Emergency Services may modify personnel policies as needed to address this local emergency and maintain essential City services.
6. The City of South Lake Tahoe is subject to immunity under Government Code section 8655 to the maximum extent provided by law for any actions taken in furtherance of addressing this local emergency.
7. This proclamation of local emergency shall continue for no more than seven days unless ratified by City Council.



Joseph Irvin
Director of Emergency Services/
City Manager

Date: 3/8/2023

11:55 AM

Approved as to Form:



Heather Stroud
City Attorney


Attest:
Susan Blankenship, City Clerk
City of South Lake Tahoe

3/8/2023

