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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: *January 17, 2023*

DATE: January 6, 2023

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Kelly Echeverria, Emergency Manager, Office of the County Manager
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THROUGH: Dave Solaro, Assistant County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to receive and accept the report on the January 6, 2023, Declaration of State of Emergency by the Washoe County Manager. This report will include the basis for the declaration, the actions taken under it, and the current status of the emergency circumstances in the county. This item will also include possible ratification of the declaration. If ratified, it will remain in effect until February 6, 2023, unless terminated earlier or further specifically extended by the Manager or Board based on circumstances in existence at the time. If not ratified, the declared state of emergency will terminate on January 17, 2023. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

SUMMARY

The Board will receive the declaration of a state of emergency issued by the Washoe County Manager on January 6, 2023, for Washoe County resulting from the Severe Storms starting on January 8, 2023. The Severe Storms caused interruptions to government, disruption of utility services, and other potential and related events in Washoe County to the extent that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, and is asked to ratify that declaration by a majority of the Board and to publicize the same pursuant to WCC 65.330.

BACKGROUND

Prior to January 6, 2023, Washoe County staff, including the Emergency Manager Kelly Echeverria and County Manager Eric Brown, were notified by the National Weather Service of an imminent series of high-precipitation storms predicted for Northern Nevada and Washoe County which were highly likely to result in localized flooding of nearby streams and other local natural and constructed drainage facilities throughout the entirety of Washoe County. County staff determined that due to the threat of loss of life, injury to person and property, human suffering or financial loss which would require extraordinary measures to be taken to protect the public health, safety and welfare, that an emergency as defined at WCC 65.300 existed and therefore requested the County Manager declare an emergency. On January 6, 2023, County Manager Eric Brown

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declared an emergency attached hereto which was publicized as required by WCC 65.330. Washoe County response activities are continuing for the near future.

Washoe County Code 63.520 allows the County Manager to declare an emergency when circumstances prevent timely action by the Board, provided the Manager seeks the ratification of that declaration by a majority of the Board at the next lawful meeting of the Board.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total costs of response and recovery efforts are being compiled under Statistical Order 70843 for all Washoe County Departments. Requests for reimbursement will be submitted to the appropriate agencies.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners receive and accept the Declaration of a State of Emergency declared by the Washoe County Board Manger on Friday, January 6, 2023, ratify the Declaration, and direct staff to publicize the Declaration as required by WCC 65.330.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be:

“Move to receive and accept the Declaration of a State of Emergency declared by the Washoe County Manager on Friday, January 6, 2023, ratify the Declaration, and direct staff to publicize the Declaration as required by WCC 65.330.”