



Agenda Report

DATE: March 28, 2005

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: RATIFY THE EXTENSION OF A DECLARATION OF LOCAL
EMERGENCY

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that City Council ratify the extension of the City Manager's Declaration of a Local Emergency initially issued February 28, 2005, and reissued on March 7, 2005.

SUMMARY

On March 14, 2005, City Council adopted a resolution ratifying the City Manager's Declaration of a Local Emergency. In accordance with Government Code 8630, the City Council must ratify the existence of the local emergency at least once every 14 days until the local emergency has been terminated. Based on soil saturation levels and continued instability of slopes in and around Pasadena, combined with the forecast for additional rainfall, staff recommends that the City continue the Declaration of Local Emergency.

BACKGROUND

Pursuant to Chapter 2.370 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, the City Manager, as the Director of Emergency Services, issued a Declaration of Local Emergency on February 28, 2005. A quorum of the Council was unable to meet within the required 7 days to ratify the Declaration and the Director of Emergency Services issued a second Declaration, on March 7, 2005. In accordance with Government Code 8630, the City Council must ratify the existence of the local emergency at least once every 14 days until the local emergency has been terminated, and the City Council proclaims the termination of the local emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant.

FISCAL IMPACT

This action has no negative fiscal impact. The Declaration may allow for State and Federal reimbursement in the future, depending on those entities making funds available. If made available, reimbursement may cover staff overtime, debris removal, repairs of public facilities (roads, equipment, and the like). Funds may be made available to allow eligible residents and businesses an opportunity to receive low interest loans for repairs.

Respectfully submitted,


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