



## Item No. 1 Town of Atherton

### **CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT – ACTION ITEM**

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

**FROM: GEORGE RODERICKS, CITY MANAGER**

**DATE: JANUARY 11, 2023**

**SUBJECT: RATIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION OF PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY; MAKE SUCH FINDINGS AS REQUIRED UNDER GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(E)(3); AND RATIFY SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS ENACTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES IN RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 31, 2022 STORM EVENT(S)**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Council –

- 1) Ratify the Proclamation of Local Emergency as enacted by the Director of Emergency Services in response to the December 31, 2022 Storm Event(s); and
- 2) Make such findings as required under Government Code Section 54953(e)(3) to meet remotely to ensure the continued health and safety of the public.

### **BACKGROUND | ANALYSIS**

On December 31, 2022, the Town of Atherton began to experience storm-related conditions that threatened extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the Town caused by storm and subsequent flooding inundation. The City Manager as Director of Emergency Services proclaimed the existence of a local State of Emergency and requests that the City Council ratify such proclamation.

In evaluation of the public safety conditions evolving from the storm event, it was determined that there were conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property in Town. Staff determined that the conditions caused by the storm and flooding which conditions were likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the Town and immediately requested assistance through the County Office of Emergency Services for support personnel, sandbags, sand, and other contract services. Said conditions relate specifically to flooding from an atmospheric river event, commencing on or about December 31, 2022, throughout the Town.

Staff recommends continuation of the Emergency Declaration until such time as the County lifts its Emergency Declaration. Maintaining the local certification will ensure that any actions that the Town takes in response to the events qualify for financial reimbursement under State OES and FEMA guidance.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The Town's initial Public Facility Damage and Response Assessment exceeded \$100,000. Additional survey will be done as part of the OES/FEMA process.

### **POLICY FOCUS**

Policy issues are limited to the continuing emergency.

### **GOAL ALIGNMENT**

This report and its contents are in alignment with the following Council Policy Goals:

- Goal F – Be Forward-Thinking, Well-Managed, and Well-Planned
- Goal G – Emergency Preparedness – Be Prepared

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

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### **COMMISSION/COMMITTEE FEEDBACK/REFERRAL**

This item \_\_\_\_ has or X has not been before a Town Committee or Commission.

- \_\_\_\_ Audit/Finance Committee (meets every other month)
- \_\_\_\_ Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee (meets as needed)
- \_\_\_\_ Environmental Programs Committee (meets every other month)
- \_\_\_\_ Park and Recreation Committee (meets each month)
- \_\_\_\_ Planning Commission (meets each month)
- \_\_\_\_ Rail Committee (meets every other month)
- \_\_\_\_ Transportation Committee (meets every other month)

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Emergency Declaration