

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF CALAVERAS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1998**

PRESENT: Merita Callaway, Chair; Paul Stein, Vice-Chair; Lucy Thein and Terri Bailey, Supervisors; Brent Harrington, County Administrative Officer; and Mary Jane Giuffra, Supervising Board Clerk

ABSENT: Thomas Tryon, District IV Supervisor, and County Counsel Batchelder

Meeting recorded on Cassette 98-06

2:10 p.m.: Chair Callaway convened the Board in a special meeting for the purpose of a status/emergency report on the flooding situation. CAO Harrington reported on a briefing session held by Emergency Services at 9:00 this morning stating that there has been one death, possibly two, related to the storm. Clay Hawkins, Director of Emergency Services, continued with an update re: flooding status, incident management, etc. A 25 acre dam on Southworth Rd. is eroding and if it breaks, could take a portion of Hwy 26, but no homes are threatened. If the private dam on Riata Way in Circle XX overflows Pool Station Rd. would be at risk; however, there are no homes threatened in that area. In the La Contenta area, Grouse Dr., several homes are threatened due to flooding of Cosgrove Creek. As of this afternoon, Hwy 26 was closed again at St. Andrews.

There is a flash flood advisory for the western end of the County which could be increased to a life threatening flash flood advisory. Hawking clarified the purpose of a disaster declaration by the Board and Supervisor Bailey recommended that this be done to provide Emergency Services with the means to proceed as necessary. CAO Harrington, as Public Information Officer, spoke of false rumors and advised the press that there are no problems with dams in the Copperopolis area at this time and no problem with the dam at the Boy Scout Camp in Avery.

Motion was made to adopt a resolution declaring a disaster in Calaveras County.
Moved: Bailey Second: Thein Approval: Unanimous Absent: Tryon

RESOLUTION A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY AND
NO. 98-28 REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO (1) PROCLAIM A STATE OF EMERGENCY;
AND (2) REQUEST A PRESIDENTIAL DECLARATION

CAO Harrington then announced that during a Closed Session yesterday, February 2, 1998, Marguerite Hoekstra was appointed to the position of County Librarian

John Shimer, CDF Battalion Chief, reported on the status of the stockpond/reservoir on Southworth Rd. (Baker Ranch) informing the Board that the area is being sandbagged and that 15 homes are at risk. He stated that there is no change on the Riata Way situation and that six homes in the St. Andrews area are in need of assistance. They have made multiple contacts on Grouse Lane. Norma Rash, Social Welfare, informed the Board of their contact with the American Red Cross.

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There being no further business to be disposed of at this time, the meeting was adjourned and the Board will reconvene in a Regular Board of Supervisors meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, February 9, 1998.

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

CLERK