

POSSIBLE MOTION

I MOVE TO approve Resolution 2020-32 on first and final reading declaring a local emergency in response to the 2020 Complex Weather System and a request for State and Federal assistance.



City and Borough of Sitka

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Coast Guard City, USA

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Eisenbeisz and Assembly Members

From: John Leach, Municipal Administrator

Date: December 16, 2020

Subject: December Storm Disaster Declaration

Background

This Resolution would declare a disaster emergency, like the one by the Governor, due to multiple complex storm systems impacting Sitka through the month of December. Beginning November 30, 2020 record rain and high winds forced people to be evacuated from their homes, trees damaged houses, roads were damaged, mass wasting events damaged public and private property, critical road access to both Blue Lake and Green Lake power generation facility were significantly damaged, and a hatchery suffered stream and infrastructure damage risking the loss of fish for the region. Additionally, this unique and unpredictable weather pattern has created unusually high turbidity in Blue Lake jeopardizing our drinking water filtration avoidance waiver.

Analysis

This disaster declaration may open additional State and Federal funding sources to help the community recover from this unique and unpredictable weather damage. Furthermore, it is important to identify the magnitude of these impacts and unanticipated expenses while also recognizing how well Sitka managed during such extreme weather conditions.

Fiscal Note

To date, CBS expenditures has exceeded \$50,000 addressing immediate access to critical infrastructure and homes. Significant work is remaining to fully restore our infrastructure and be resilient to future damage. There has been damage to both public and private property including over \$300,000 in damage to the NSRAA hatchery at Medvejie.

The total cost of repairs to CBS related infrastructure and private facilities is estimated at just under \$1-million dollars as follows:

• Medvejie Hatchery (CBS/NSRAA property)	\$307,894
• Sand Dollar Drive Landslide Stabilization (CBS/Private)	\$400,000
• Blue Lake and Green Lake Rd. Repairs (CBS Electric)	\$100,000
• General street and drainage repair (CBS)	\$85,000
• GPIP drainage repair (CBS GPIP)	<u>\$10,000</u>
Total	\$902,894

Recommendation

Approve Resolution 2020-32 declaring a disaster emergency.

Encl: State of Alaska Declaration of Disaster Emergency