

Council Chambers  
300 First Street  
Woodland, California

March 15, 1995

The Woodland City Council met in special session at 5:05 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL:

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Sandy, Borchard, Flory, Rominger, Slaven

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Kristensen, Wegener, Smith

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

LOCAL EMERGENCY:

City Manager Kris Kristensen reported that on Thursday, March 9, 1995, he had to declare a state of local emergency due to flooding. He said this is the first time there has been that level of water flow occurring in Cache Creek since 1958. The flooding, he said, was the equivalent of a 50-year rainfall event at the Creek basin. He then asked the Council to ratify action he took on March 9 by adopting a proposed resolution. He outlined the events that led to his declaration. He said when the rain started falling on March 9 the Public Works Department started contacting the Office of Emergency Services, and Cache Creek was rising significantly at Rumsey which is the gage used as an early warning system for the City of Woodland. He said City staff and the consulting firm of Borcali and Associates determined that the Creek was going to go out of bank at about 6:00 p.m. on March 9. He advised the Council that the City Code allows the City Manager to serve as Director of Emergency Services and in the absence of Council action he can take action to declare a state of local emergency. He said he chose to do so especially with the over flowing that was occurring. He and other staff members were at the command center for the Office of Emergency Services. Staff immediately warned citizens through cable television, the City's voice mail system, and key organizations, such as Woodland Memorial Hospital, etc., that the City was expecting a big event and that flooding could occur any where north of Beamer Street. The City made sandbags available. The City Manager said he felt the community and the City responded well to the emergency. He said, however, that given the conditions the City is experiencing now, the Council will be asked on March 21 to terminate the state of local emergency.

Director of Public Works Gary Wegener reported on preliminary cost estimates for City services in connection with the emergency. He also reported on the sandbag operation handled by the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department staff and the traffic control efforts with the help of the Sheriff's Office cadets during the

sandbag distribution.

Mayor Sandy asked that letters of appreciation be sent to all of the volunteers as well as the School District and Schwartzgruber and Sons for their donation of sand.

Police Chief Russ Smith also reported on \$2,200 in overtime costs at the Police Department during the emergency. He said his department went on 12-hour shifts.

Resolution No. 3871:

On motion of Council Member Flory, seconded by Council Member Rominger and carried by unanimous vote, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 3871, entitled "Resolution Proclaiming Existence of a Local Emergency and Requesting the Governor Proclaim a State of Emergency and Request a Presidential Declaration."

ADJOURNMENT:

At 5:32 p.m. the meeting was adjourned. Council Members viewed a video tape taken by helicopter of Yolo County during the flooding.

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City Clerk of the City of Woodland