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LOCAL PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY SNOHOMISH COUNTY

WHEREAS, Snohomish County has already received significant rainfall, as documented by the Seattle Forecasting Office of the National Weather Service, that is affecting residents throughout the county and which has consumed county resources in the form of road maintenance and emergency response; and

WHEREAS, the Stillaguamish River at Arlington reached record flood height at 21.34 feet on November 5, 2023, which is 7.34 feet above flood stage, considered major flooding, and

WHEREAS, the Snohomish River at Snohomish is currently at a flood height of 27.69 feet, which is 2.39 feet above flood stage, considered moderate flooding, and

WHEREAS, the Seattle Forecasting Office of the National Weather Service forecast indicates a strong potential for additional precipitation in the coming days that will continue to impact the county and its partners' ability to respond to emergencies; and

WHEREAS, damages caused by the significant rainfall and flood water gives rise to a set of circumstances constituting an emergency and the utilization of emergency powers granted in chapter 38.52 RCW and chapter 2.36 SCC; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County desires to take reasonable and prudent measures to ensure the safety of our residents during this period of extreme weather; and

WHEREAS, a Proclamation of Emergency is necessary to allow the County to spend public funds to take these measures; and

WHEREAS, a Proclamation of Emergency is necessary to temporarily waive requirements of competitive bidding, public notice, and other administrative requirements, in order to expedite our response to the effects of this extreme weather;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY EXECUTIVE, DAVE SOMERS:

SECTION 1

It is hereby declared under SCC 2.36.030(2)(e) and RCW 38.52.020(1)(b) that a State of Emergency exists in Snohomish County, as a result of the aforementioned conditions, causing widespread areas with dangerous road conditions and impacts to emergency response including delayed response that affect county operations and public safety.

SECTION 2

In order to prepare for, prevent and respond to this emergency, pursuant to SCC 3.04.200, RCW 36.40.180, RCW 38.52.070(2), and RCW 39.04.280(3), the requirements of competitive bidding and public notice are hereby waived with reference to any contract relating to the county's lease or purchase of supplies, equipment, personal services or public works as defined by RCW 39.04.010, or to any contract for the selection and award of professional and/or technical consultant contracts. Each designated department is hereby authorized to exercise the powers vested in this proclamation in light of the demands of a dangerous and escalating emergency situation without regard to time consuming procedures and formalities otherwise normally prescribed by law (excepting mandatory constitutional requirements).

SECTION 3

I hereby direct designated county departments under this proclamation and the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan to take actions deemed necessary to otherwise mitigate and prevent impacts and potential impacts upon private property and publicly owned infrastructure, including any necessary actions needed to obtain emergency permitting through municipal, county, state or federal agencies.

SECTION 4

A copy of this proclamation, the extent practicable, shall be posted at the County's regular locations for official notices and shall be made available to members of the local news media and the general public.

DATED this 6th day of December, 2023

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OF
SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Dave Somers