

1 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

2 COUNTY OF COOS

3 STATE OF OREGON

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5 In the Matter of Declaring a County State of Emergency) ORDER
6) 12-01-009L
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8 WHEREAS, ORS 401.305 provides authority for Coos County to act as an
9 emergency management agency, including authority to establish policies and protocols for
10 defining and directing responsibilities during time of emergency; and

11 WHEREAS, Coos County has enacted a local ordinance (County Code Article 10)
12 pursuant to the authority granted by ORS Chapter 401, that provides for executive responsibility
13 in times of emergency and specifically delegates authority to declare a state of emergency to the
14 Chair of the Board of Commissioners; and

15 WHEREAS, the following conditions have resulted in the need for a state of emergency:
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17 Severe weather, constituting of heavy rain and wind, resulting in the flooding of portions of
18 unincorporated Coos County causing particularly hazardous road conditions in the areas of
19 Millicoma, Alleghany, Broadbent, Arago, and other low lying areas of the County creating fast
20 moving flood waters from the Millicoma, Coos, and Coquille Rivers;

21 WHEREAS, the following damage to life and property can be expected from the above
22 conditions:

23 The stranding of residents and livestock in those areas is reported and in need of evacuation and
24 temporary shelter until weather conditions and flooding abate; with rain expected to continue
25 flooding will increase, creating hazardous fast moving water, stranding more people and
26 livestock along those waterways, and further limiting the ability of first responders, including
27 fire, police, and other citizens from aiding and assisting those affected by the severe rains and
flooding.

WHEREAS, the entire County is in a state of emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The Chair formally declares a state of emergency for Coos County, effective on 19th day of January, 2012 at 7am for the entire County.
2. Upon this declaration of a state of emergency the undersigned official is empowered to assume centralized control of and have authority over all departments and offices of the County, and further that the County Office of Emergency Management is empowered to carry out the

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1 appropriate function and duties identified in County Code Article 10 during times of emergency
2 and shall implement the Coos County Emergency Operations Plan.

3 3. The Coos County Office of Emergency Management in conjunction with the Coos County
4 Sherriff's Office shall hereby take all necessary measures including but not limited to:

- 5 a) prohibit or limit the number of persons who may gather or congregate upon any public
6 street or place or any outdoor place within the area designated as an emergency area;
- 7 b) barricade all streets, roads, and access points to the same, and prohibit vehicular or
8 pedestrian traffic, or restrict or regulate the same in any reasonable manner in the area
9 designated as an emergency management area for such distance or degree of regulation as
10 may be deemed necessary;
- 11 c) evacuate persons from the designated areas;
- 12 d) establish temporary shelters and / or evacuation centers; and
- 13 e) order such other measures as are found to be immediately necessary for the protection
14 of life and / or property.

15 4. The Board of Commissioners further suspends standard competitive bidding procedures to
16 obtain necessary goods, services, and /or equipment to respond to the emergency and redirect
17 funds as necessary for emergency use.

18 4. This declaration of emergency shall expire on 22nd day of January, 2012, unless earlier
19 terminated by action of the Board of Commissioners.

20 Dated this 19th day of January, 2012.

21 Approved as to form:

22 Andrew P. Aime
23 Office of Legal Counsel

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