

## PROCLAMATION CONFIRMING EXISTENCE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

**WHEREAS**, the winter of 2015/2016 has seen the strongest El Nino ocean temperature rise since 1998; and

**WHEREAS**, the resulting thermal water expansion has caused elevated ocean levels and tides off the coast of Pacifica; and

**WHEREAS**, recent ocean conditions include combined 25 foot King Tides with very high swell exceeding 15 feet offshore; and

**WHEREAS**, recent El Nino storm activity has also saturated the earth, including bluffs and surrounding earth at the ocean's edge; and

**WHEREAS**, an long series of El Nino-induced storm fronts have brought warm pineapple-convection storms from the southwest, as well as additional cold winter fronts from the northwest; and

**WHEREAS**, extensive top-of-bluff retreat is occurring at several locations along the Pacifica Coast; and

**WHEREAS**, predicted significant storms through February 2016 are anticipated to bring significant additional coastal erosion within Pacifica; and

**WHEREAS**, these conditions present extreme peril and threaten the safety of persons and property within Pacifica, including critical public infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, recent storm activities and extreme wave heights for extended periods have caused ground subsidence (sinkhole) contributing to the failure of the sea wall at Beach Boulevard and Santa Maria Avenue, including undermining of adjacent promenade and road closure; and

**WHEREAS**, these storm activities and extreme wave heights have also caused undermining and displacement of a 7 foot diameter storm drain outfall and the massive concrete headwall for the discharge of Milagra Creek drainage to the ocean; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 4-2.01 *et seq.* of the Pacifica Municipal Code empowers the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the City Council is not in session, subject to confirmation by the City Council at the earliest possible time; and

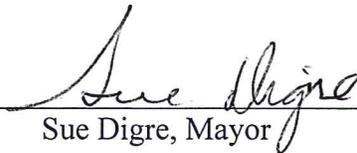
**WHEREAS**, the Director of Emergency Services of the City of Pacifica did proclaim the existence of a local emergency within the City on January 22, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council does hereby find that the aforesaid conditions of extreme peril did warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency; and

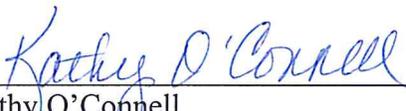
**WHEREAS**, such conditions are or are likely to be beyond the financial and handling capability of the City's services, personnel, equipment, and facilities, requiring the combined forces of the other political subdivisions to combat; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that, in accordance with State Law and the City of Pacifica Municipal Code, a local emergency does exist and shall be deemed to continue to exist along the Pacifica coastline from Westline Drive to the end of Beach Blvd. until its termination is proclaimed by the City Council of Pacifica.

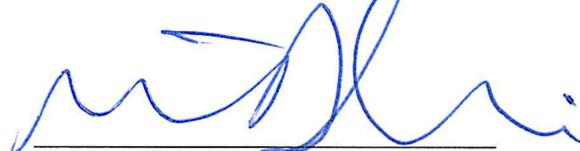
DATED: January 25, 2016

By:   
Sue Digre, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Kathy O'Connell  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Matthew Visick  
Acting City Attorney