



AGENDA REPORT

Public Works

DATE:	February 4, 2025
TO:	Mayor Martinez and Members of the City Council
FROM:	Daniel Chavarria, PE, Director of Public Works Ana Crespin, Senior Administrative Analyst
Subject:	Resolution to Appropriate \$150,000 to the Emergency Operations – Winterstorm/Landslides Project
FINANCIAL IMPACT:	Staff is recommending appropriating \$150,000 from the fund balance in the Emergency Operation and Disaster Recover Fund (Fund 1304) to Emergency Operations – Winterstorm/Landslides (Project STR23) (Account String: 13423131-400201-STR23).
PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:	March 28, 2023
STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:	The Public Works Department is requesting the City Council adopt a resolution appropriating \$150,000 from the fund balance in the Emergency Operation and Disaster Recovery to the Emergency Operations – Winterstorm/Landslides to cover future emergency operations aimed at mitigating and addressing disaster risks and property damage from any potential winter storm event.
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	ADOPT a resolution appropriating \$150,000 from the fund balance in the Emergency Operation and Disaster Recovery Fund to the Emergency Operations – Winterstorm/Landslides Project to cover future emergency operations aimed at mitigating and addressing disaster risks and property damage from any potential winter storm event – Public Works (Ana Crespin 307-8095/Daniel Chavarria 620-5478).

DISCUSSION:

The City of Richmond, like all urban centers, face a broad array of risks associated with natural disasters and emergency situations. The City is vulnerable to a range of hazards, including seismic activity such as earthquakes, severe storms that produce heavy rains, landslides and flooding, extreme heat intensifying drought conditions, and high winds that contribute to the spread of wildfires. These events present significant threats to public safety, infrastructure, and the well-being of the City's residents. Richmond is not immune to the increasing frequency and intensity of natural calamities, and the potential for substantial damage from these events is a persistent challenge.

Given this, the City of Richmond must be prepared to respond effectively and efficiently to these emergencies. The increasing unpredictability and severity of natural disasters—often fueled by the effects of climate change—mean that the City must maintain an agile and responsive approach to emergency management. Prompt action in the face of such disasters is not only essential to minimizing the impact of these events but is also crucial for protecting lives, maintaining critical infrastructure, and ensuring the swift recovery of affected communities.

The Public Works Department is responsible for many of the critical services required to keep the City operational during and after a disaster. The Department is tasked with maintaining public safety, clearing debris, making emergency repairs, and addressing other urgent needs that arise when disaster strikes.

During 2023 winter storm, the City experienced several perils such as landslides and fallen trees that needed additional funding to cover the cost of mitigation and response to the emergencies. On March 28, 2023, the City Council approved funding of \$406,812, Mid-Year Budget - Option B, which was appropriated in Emergency Operations and Disaster Recovery Fund (Fund 1304). In light of the increasing frequency of natural disasters and the need to maintain a state of preparedness, the Public Works Department is seeking City Council adopt a resolution to appropriate \$150,000 from fund balance in the Emergency Operations and Disaster Recovery Fund (Fund 1304) to support Emergency Operations – Winterstorm/Landslides (Project No. STR23).

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

Attachment 1 – Resolution