

Resolution No.

STOCKTON CITY COUNCIL

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOCKTON PROCLAIMING A LOCAL EMERGENCY REGARDING THE GOLDEN MUSSEL (*LIMNOPERNA FORTUNEI*) INFESTATION

The California Emergency Services Act, Government Code sections 8550, et seq., authorizes the proclamation of a local emergency when conditions of disaster or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the territorial limits of a city exist; and

Stockton Municipal Code section 2.82 empowers the City Manager, acting as the Director of Emergency Services, to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the City is exposed to an actual or threatened existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the City and the City Council is not in session; and

In October 2024, the invasive golden mussel (*Limnoperna fortunei*) was detected in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta near the Port of Stockton; and

The Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta is a vital resource to the City, supporting drinking water supply, agriculture, ecosystem health, recreation, and economic activity; and

In September 2025, City staff detected the golden mussel at the City's Delta Intake Pump Station (IPS), a source of the City's drinking water; and

In November 2025, the City contracted a professional dive inspector, who inspected the IPS and confirmed the presence of golden mussels in the wet well and encrusted on the fish screens; and

The golden mussel has the ability to cluster and restrict the internal diameter of the City's 54" Raw Water Main that travels nearly 14 miles from the IPS to the Delta Water Treatment Plant, which could reduce the City's capacity to provide drinking water; and

Once established the golden mussel is extremely difficult, if not impossible, to eradicate, requiring costly, long-term management and control strategies; and

Early detection, rapid response, public education, interagency coordination, and resource mobilization are critical to prevent establishment and mitigating impacts; and

The rapid infestation of the golden mussel within Stockton's Delta waters and IPS presents an immediate threat to the city's critical water and flood infrastructure, including the recently constructed \$100 million Smith Canal Gate; and

Because the infestation scales faster than standard administrative and procurement protocols allow, the local emergency declaration is necessary to bypass time-consuming bureaucratic procedures and secure the specialized services and equipment required to prevent catastrophic damage to municipal water conveyance systems; and

On June 19, 2026, the City of Stockton Director of Emergency Services proclaimed the existence of a local emergency; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOCKTON, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Proclamation of the Existence of a Local Emergency issued by the Director of Emergency Services attached as Exhibit 1 to this Resolution and incorporated herein is hereby ratified.

2. The monetary limit on City Manager contracting and purchasing authority set out in Stockton Municipal Code section 3.68.040 is suspended in order to allow the City Manager the ability to effectively and efficiently continue the response to public health and safety concerns and City operations during the pendency of this local emergency.

3. The City Manager or designee is authorized to utilize the General Fund Contingency and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Contingency as needed for emergency response expenses related to this proclaimed emergency with a report of uses back to the City Council in the quarterly budget status reports.

4. The City Manager is authorized to execute contracts and make purchases related to the public health and safety threat identified in the Proclamation, utilizing the City's Emergency Procurement Policy; and

5. The City Manager shall direct the coordination of services and staff of the emergency organization of the City, as well as direct the City's cooperation in all dealings with public and private agencies dealing with the matters pertaining to this emergency.

6. The City Manager is authorized to follow recommendations from State, Federal, and Local authorities, including but not limited to, the San Joaquin County Office of Emergency Services, the California Office of Emergency Services, FEMA, and other such organizations.

7. The City Manager is authorized to seek cost-recovery reimbursements for these specialized expenditures through the California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) and applicable Federal emergency relief programs.

8. The City Manager is authorized to request the Governor to proclaim a "state of emergency" when, in the City Manager's opinion, the locally available resources are inadequate to cope with the emergency.

9. The proclaimed local emergency shall continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the City Manager or the City Council.

10. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to take whatever actions are necessary and appropriate to carry out the purpose and intent of this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED _____.

CHRISTINA FUGAZI
Mayor of the City of Stockton

ATTEST:

KATHERINE ROLAND, CMC, CPMC
City Clerk of the City of Stockton