

RESOLUTION NO. 28-2013

RESOLUTION TO DECLARE A STATE OF EMERGENCY WITHIN SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

WHEREAS, The County Council for San Juan County have been notified of a significant utility infrastructure failure within the confines of San Juan County; and

WHEREAS, The emergency response resources of San Juan County will not be sufficient to meet the requirements of a prolonged response; and

WHEREAS, The emergency event requires the activation of the San Juan County Emergency Response Coordination Group and the use of the Statutory emergency powers granted pursuant to RCW 36.40.180 and 38.52.070;

Now therefore,

IT IS HEREBY DECLARED AND RESOLVED BY THE SAN JUAN COUNTY COUNCIL:

1. That an emergency exists within San Juan County as a result of a catastrophic failure of the submarine fiber optic cable between Lopez and San Juan Islands and that such an emergency is declared to have commenced as of 3:58am PST on the 5th of November, 2013. This failure of private infrastructure has had a significant and ongoing impact on public safety, economic health, and the community well-being of San Juan County.
2. That all Departments and Offices of San Juan County are authorized to take all appropriate and prudent measures to protect the health, welfare and property of the citizens of the County and to provide the citizens with emergency assistance.
3. That the following request for assistance is made to the Governor of the State of Washington:
 - A) Ongoing coordination, technical, and logistical support from the Emergency Management Division of the Washington State Military Department.
 - B) Ongoing coordination support and technical expertise from the Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission.
 - C) Additional technical and coordination support as is deemed appropriate and necessary by San Juan County and coordinating Washington State agencies.
 - D) That additional requests for Washington State Resources be considered and granted when made.

E) That resource requests unable to be granted by Washington State will be forwarded to the appropriate Federal response agency in a timely fashion.

4. A copy of this document shall be as effective as an original.

ADOPTED this 8TH day of NOVEMBER 2013.

**COUNTY COUNCIL
SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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