BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, GLENN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-76

A RESOLUTION OF THE GLENN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DECLARING THAT A POTENTIAL EMERGENCY SITUATION EXISTS AT THE “J” LEVEE NORTH OF HAMILTON CITY AT SACRAMENTO RIVER MILE 200.6

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2006, Governor Schwarzenegger issued a proclamation which declared that a state of emergency exists for California’s levee system (attached as Exhibit A); and

WHEREAS, during a study conducted at the behest of the Glenn County Direct of Emergency Services, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) has determined that the “J” levee at Sacramento River Mile 200.6 has eroded to the point of being in imminent danger of failure during a high water event; and

WHEREAS, Government Code §8630 et al and County Code Chapter 2.52 et al. empowers the Glenn County Board of Supervisors to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when said County is affected or threatened by a public calamity; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has been requested by the Director of Emergency Services of Glenn County proclaim the existence of a local emergency therein; and

WHEREAS, there exists the threat of disaster and extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within Glenn County during the coming rainy season caused by the imminent danger of failure of the “J” levee during a high water event at Sacramento River Mile 200.6, located just north and east of the unincorporated town of Hamilton City; and

WHEREAS, the primary protection from Sacramento River flood waters for Hamilton City has historically been the “J” levee, a very old earthen facility built approximately 100 years ago, which is owned by The Nature Conservancy (TNC), located on Assessor’s Parcel No. 032-230-016, located on the west bank of the river at River Mile 200.6; and

WHEREAS, the base/foundation of the “J” levee is being undercut by the westward meander of the Sacramento River, with several feet of the existing structure lost to the River in the past few years; and
WHEREAS, the town of Hamilton City and its resident population of over 2,000 individuals, located in the unincorporated area of Glenn County, has been threatened by flood water damage to the “J” levee by the River at least four times since 1993; and

WHEREAS, the DWR has recommended that the area of questionable integrity at River Mile 200.6 should be reinforced as soon as is practicable, so that a completely new levee might be designed, funded and completed in order to better protect the area; and

WHEREAS, in the opinion of the Director of the Glenn County Office of Emergency Services, as a direct result of the DWR findings as to the condition of the existing levee, a threat of imminent flooding exists to the citizens of Glenn County in and around Hamilton City.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE GLENN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DOES HEREBY DECLARE that said local emergency, as described above, does exist.

THIS RESOLUTION WAS PASSED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Glenn at a regular meeting thereof held on October 16, 2007, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Hansen, Murray, Quarne, and McGowan (Chairman)
NOES: None
ABSTAIN OR ABSENT: Supervisor Amaro (Absent)

Chair, Board of Supervisors
Glenn County, California

ATTEST:

David Shochmacher, CAO

GLENN COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES:

Larry Jones, Sheriff

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Thomas Agin, County Counsel