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Sierra Madre Windstorm Information- Update # 3

At noon today, the Sierra Madre City Council will be holding an emergency meeting to declare a state of emergency as a result of the severe windstorm. Sierra Madre continues to have downed trees, damaged public and private properties, damaged utility infrastructure, and mass debris resulting from the windstorm. The City Council will be taking action to affirm the emergency declaration by the Director of Emergency Services.

The declaration of the state of emergency is necessary because the response will exceed the availability of City resources, and it will be necessary to request resources from outside the city. In addition, the proclamation is the first step in responding to and recovering from emergencies and will assist in accessing state or federal disaster relief programs or funds, if they become available.

Electrical power remains out for much of the City. In addition, approximately 20 structures have been damaged.

Residents are urged to remain home if possible. While temporary power has been restored to the City's water system, residents are asked to continue to conserve water.

The City's main priority is life safety, inspecting damaged structures, and reopening roads. City crews have been working through the night, but it will take many days to completely clear the streets.

Please call the City's main line at (626) 355-7135 for non-emergency calls. Only call 911 for life-threatening emergencies, downed electrical lines, or damaged buildings.

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