

1 **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**
2 **RESOLUTION NO: 2026-42**

3 RESOLUTION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO GEOTECHNICAL INSTABILITY
4 CAUSING ROADWAY FAILURE AND EMBANKMENT EROSION AT THREE
5 LOCATIONS ON SOCRATES MINE ROAD (MILEPOST 1.0, 2.07, AND 2.4) AND
6 AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY CONTRACTING PURSUANT TO PUBLIC CONTRACT
7 CODE SECTIONS 22050 AND 20395(d)

8 WHEREAS, Socrates Mine Road is a county-maintained roadway providing access to
9 residents, properties, and emergency services in the unincorporated area of Lake
10 County; and

11 WHEREAS, conditions of ongoing geotechnical instability, including subsurface
12 movement, embankment erosion, and loss of soil strength, have caused roadway failure
13 and undermining of the structural section of the roadway at approximately Milepost 1.0,
14 Milepost 2.07, and Milepost 2.4 along Socrates Mine Road; and

15 WHEREAS, these conditions have resulted in loss of lateral and vertical support of the
16 roadway prism, thereby compromising the integrity of the traveled way; and

17 WHEREAS, the geotechnical instability at these locations is active and progressive in
18 nature, creating a substantial risk of continued ground movement and sudden or
19 catastrophic roadway collapse if not promptly addressed; and

20 WHEREAS, these conditions pose an immediate threat to public health, safety, and
21 welfare, including but not limited to:

- 22 • Loss of safe vehicular access for residents and the traveling public;
- 23 • Impaired or delayed access for emergency response vehicles; and
- 24 • Increased risk of injury, property damage, or isolation of residents due to
25 roadway failure; and

26 WHEREAS, the unstable conditions require immediate investigation, design, and
27 construction of stabilization measures, including specialized geotechnical analysis and
28 construction techniques, in order to prevent further deterioration and restore safe
29 access; and

30 WHEREAS, the use of standard competitive bidding procedures would delay the
31 commencement of necessary work, thereby allowing the hazardous conditions to
32 worsen and increasing the risk to the public; and

33 WHEREAS, the nature of the work involves uncertain and evolving subsurface
34 conditions, requiring flexible and adaptive construction methods that cannot be fully
35 defined in advance, making it impractical to prepare complete plans and specifications
36 for competitive bidding within the timeframe necessary to address the emergency; and

1 WHEREAS, Public Contract Code Section 22050 authorizes the Board of Supervisors,
2 by a four-fifths vote, to find an emergency when repair or replacement of a public facility
3 is necessary to permit the continued use of that facility, and to take immediate action to
4 procure necessary services, equipment, and construction without giving notice for bids;
and

5 WHEREAS, Public Contract Code Section 20395(d) states that the Board of
6 Supervisors may authorize the County of Lake Road Commissioner to have work upon
7 county highways, including purchasing the material and letting a contract for the work or
8 by letting a contract covering both work and material without advertising for bids when
9 the estimated cost of emergency work necessitated by the imminence or occurrence of
an emergency exceeds twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) and the public interest
and necessity demand immediate action to safeguard life, health, or property; and

10 WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works has determined that immediate action is
11 required and has recommended that the Board find a local emergency and authorize
12 emergency contracting in order to promptly stabilize the roadway and protect public
safety.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of
14 Lake, as follows:

- 15 1. The Board hereby finds and determines that a local emergency exists at three
16 locations along Socrates Mine Road, specifically at approximately Milepost 1.0,
17 Milepost 2.07, and Milepost 2.4, due to geotechnical instability causing
18 roadway failure and embankment erosion undermining the roadway, which
19 constitute conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property.
- 20 2. This local emergency will not permit a delay resulting from a competitive
21 solicitation for bids, and that the action is necessary to respond to the
22 emergency, the public interest and necessity demand immediate action to
23 safeguard life, health, or property.
- 24 3. Pursuant to Public Contract Code Sections 22050 and 20395(d), the Board
25 authorizes the County of Lake Road Commissioner, to:
 - 26 a) Take any directly related and immediate action required to respond to the
emergency;
 - 27 b) Procure contracts for engineering, geotechnical investigation, design,
28 construction, equipment, and materials without advertising for bids; and
 - c) Utilize specialized consultants and contractors, including those with expertise
in geotechnical stabilization, as necessary to address the conditions.
4. Emergency work may include, but is not limited to:
 - a) Geotechnical investigation, evaluation, and design;
 - b) Installation of slope stabilization systems (e.g., soil nails, micropiles, retaining

- 1 systems, drainage improvements);
2 c) Reconstruction of roadway structural section; and
3 d) Any other work necessary to stabilize the site and restore and protect the
4 roadway.

- 5 5. The County of Lake Road Commissioner shall comply with all applicable
6 requirements of Public Contract Code Sections 22050 and 20395, including
7 providing updates to the Board of Supervisors at least every fourteen (14)
8 days, or at regularly scheduled meetings, until the emergency action is
9 terminated.

10 THIS RESOLUTION was approved and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the
11 County of Lake at a regular meeting thereof on the 5th day of May,
12 2026, by the following vote:

13 AYES: Supervisors Owen, Sabatier, Crandell, and Rasmussen

14 NOES: None

15 ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: Supervisor Pyska

16 ATTEST: SUSAN PARKER
17 Clerk to the Board of Supervisors

18 By: Johanna DeLong

COUNTY OF LAKE

Brad Rasmussen

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Chair, Board of Supervisors

19 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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21 County Counsel

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