

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



FROM: Riverside County Fire Department
Office of Emergency Services

SUBMITTAL DATE:
February 4, 2005

SUBJECT: Renewal and revision to the Declaration of Local Emergency in Riverside County (Resolution 2005-030) due to subsequent flooding, rockslides, riverbank and hillside erosion.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

Renew and accept the revisions of the declaration of Local Emergency in Riverside County relating to flooding damage adopted as Agenda Item 3.35b on January 11, 2005, Resolution number 2005-030.

BACKGROUND: Conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property arose within the County of Riverside due to substantial amounts of rain falling and subsequent flooding, rockslides, riverbank and hillside erosion commencing on January 7, 2005. We have continued to renew our declaration as evidence of additional damages and problematic areas continue to unfold. Saturated soils caused by the rainstorms placed the Idyllwild area and surrounding mountain communities in the unincorporated area of Riverside County at extreme risk. On February 2, 2005 winds exceeding 60 mph toppled trees due to saturated soils and exacerbated their weakened condition due to drought and bark beetle infestation. The falling trees downed power lines, destroyed homes, damaged property, put life safety at risk, resulting in over 2,000 people being without power and voluntary evacuations being put in effect. There remains an extreme threat to life and property. Trees are on the verge of falling and need felling immediately. The renewal and revision of this declaration will provide the catalyst to ask that the state and federal government ensure enough time be extended in the current Gubernatorial Declaration and Presidential Declaration process to make certain this extensive damage in our mountain communities is included.

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County Fire Chief

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y.	\$	In Current Year Budget:
	Current F.Y.	\$	Budget Adjustment:
	Annual	\$	For Fiscal Year:

SOURCE OF FUNDS:	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: **APPROVE**

County Executive Office Signature

Dept
Recomm.: Consent
Per Exec. Ofc.: Consent

Prev. Agn. Ref.:

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R E V I S I O N

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE EXISTENCE
OF A
LOCAL EMERGENCY

Board of Supervisors

County of Riverside

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
RESOLUTION NO. 2005-030

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY UNDER
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 8630 AND COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 533.4

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 8630 authorizes the Board of Supervisors to proclaim the existence of a "local emergency", and;

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 8558(c) defines a "local emergency" to include "conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the territorial limits of a county, city and county, or city, caused by such conditions as air pollution, fire, flood, storm, epidemic, riot, drought, sudden and severe energy shortage, plant or animal infestation or disease, the Governor's warning of an earthquake, or volcanic prediction, or an earthquake or other conditions, other than conditions resulting from a labor controversy, which conditions are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of that political subdivision and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat," and;

WHEREAS, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within this County caused by substantial amounts of continuous rain fall resulting in subsequent flooding; rockslides; and riverbank and hillside erosion in Riverside County commencing on January 7, 2005;

1 **WHEREAS**, the conditions described above resulted in soils
2 becoming "Saturated" and unable to support vegetation. These
3 unprecedented saturation levels have left Riverside County at risk
4 for mudslides, rock slides, hillside erosion and vegetation to
5 fall with or without severe wind conditions; and

6 **WHEREAS**, on February 2, 2005, winds exceeding 60mph coupled
7 with the saturation levels of the soils and resulted in trees
8 falling, destroying homes and property, downing power lines,
9 closing roads and putting life safety at risk, resulting in over
10 2,000 people being without power and a voluntary evacuation order
11 being put into effect; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the conditions described above were beyond the
13 capabilities and control of the services, personnel, equipment and
14 facilities of the County and required the combined forces of other
15 political subdivisions; now therefore;

16 **BE IT RESOLVED AND DECLARED** by the Board of Supervisors of
17 the County of Riverside, State of California, in regular session
18 assembled on **February 8, 2005**, that an emergency continues to
19 exist within said County;

20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that Bonnie Reed,
21 Emergency Services Program Supervisor of the Office of Emergency
22 Services of the Riverside County Fire Department, is hereby
23 designated as the authorized representative of the County of
24 Riverside for the purpose of receipt, processing and coordination
25 of all inquiries and requirements necessary to obtain available
26 state and federal assistance.

27 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED** a copy of this resolution
28 be forwarded to the Governor of California with the request that
29 he proclaim the existence of a State of Emergency within Riverside
30 County and further request a Presidential Declaration.

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

By: _____

Chairperson

Attest:

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Deputy