

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

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FROM: Riverside County Fire Department
Office of Emergency Services

SUBMITTAL DATE: February 23, 2005

SUBJECT: Renewal of Revision No. 2 of the Local Emergency Declaration for Riverside County due to severe winter storms.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Renew Revision No. 2 of Resolution No. 2005-030, to include soil saturation and cumulative flood damage.

BACKGROUND: The Riverside County Fire Department, Office of Emergency Services, has reviewed the emergency conditions necessitating the Local Emergency declaration of January 11, 2005, which was revised and renewed on February 8, 2005 to include soil saturation, and finds that these conditions still exist. In addition, an ongoing series of storms has resulted in ever increasing amounts of cumulative damage to public and private property. Government Code Section 8630 requires the Board of Supervisors to review the need for continuation of the Local Emergency every 14 days, and further states that no review of the Local Emergency declaration shall exceed 21 days from the previous review. Because your Board was dark on February 22, 2005, we are submitting this renewal recommendation for March 1, 2005, which is 21 days from the date of the last review.

28departmental Concurrence

Craig E. Anthony

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 County Fire Chief

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

SOURCE OF FUNDS: n/a	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 *[Signature]*

- Dep't Recomm.: Consent Policy
- Per Exec. Ofc.: Consent Policy

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 1/11/05, 3.35b;
2/08/05, 2.7 | **District:** All | **Agenda Number:**

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REVISION – NO. 2

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; and

WHEREAS, the conditions described above resulted in soils becoming “saturated” and unable to support vegetation. These unprecedented saturation levels have left Riverside County at risk for mudslides, rock slides, hillside erosion and vegetation to fall with or without severe wind conditions; and

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

5 **WHEREAS**, Riverside County has continued to receive nearly unprecedented
6 levels of precipitation throughout the month of February, and the cumulative effects of that
7 precipitation are causing increased damage to roadways, homes, businesses and creating
8 conditions that continue to be of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the State of California has urged us to gather new damage
10 assessments for both public and private sectors; and

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

14 **BE IT RESOLVED AND DECLARED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of
15 Riverside, State of California, in regular session assembled on **March 1, 2005**, that an
16 emergency continues to exist within said County;

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

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED** a copy of this resolution be
23 forwarded to the Governor of California with the request that he extend the incident period
24 of the current State of Emergency within Riverside County to include the current storm
25 damage and further that the Governor request the President to Declare a Major Disaster
26 for the new period and include both Public Assistance and Individual Assistance in that
27 Presidential Declaration.

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