

**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  
**SUBJECT:** Adoption of County Ordinance 533.5.

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
August 1, 2005

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Introduce Ordinance 533.5 and, at the next board meeting, Adopt Ordinance 533.5.
- b) Ratify the appointment of Mary Morleand as the Deputy Director, Office of Emergency Services as designated in Article VII, Section 7.2.

**BACKGROUND:** Revision of County Ordinance 533, i.e. adoption of Ordinance 533.5, is now needed in order to conform to changes in California law affecting the process of emergency management within the County. The revised ordinance will also specify and define the role of elected and appointed officials within the County in the event of emergency situations. County Counsel has approved this ordinance as to form.

Departmental Concurrence

*Craig E. Anthony*  
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Craig E. Anthony  
County Fire Chief

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| <b>FINANCIAL DATA</b> | Current F.Y. Total Cost:      | \$ 0 | In Current Year Budget: | N/A          |
|                       | Current F.Y. Net County Cost: | \$ 0 | Budget Adjustment:      | No           |
|                       | Annual Net County Cost:       | \$ 0 | For Fiscal Year:        | FY 2005/2006 |

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

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

**APPROVE**

FORM APPROVED  
COUNTY COUNSEL

JUL 29 2005

**County Executive Office Signature**

*Mary Morleand*

BY *Lee A. Vinscent*

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

Prev. Agn. Ref.:

District:

Agenda Number:

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2 **ORDINANCE NO. 533.5**

3 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION**  
4 **OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION FOR THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE**  
5 **AND REPLACING ORDINANCE NO. 533.4**

6 The Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside, State of California, ordains as follows:

7 **ARTICLE I. GENERAL PURPOSES**

8 **Section 1.1.** The declared purpose of this ordinance is to provide for the preparation and  
9 carrying out of plans for the protection of persons and property within the County of Riverside in the  
10 event of the emergency or disaster conditions hereinafter referred to; the direction of the  
11 Emergency Management Organization; and the coordination of the disaster functions of the County  
12 of Riverside with all other public agencies, corporations, organizations, and affected private  
13 persons.  
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16 **ARTICLE II. DEFINITIONS**

17 **Section 2.1.** The general definitions contained in the California Emergency Services Act  
18 shall apply to this chapter. These definitions are terms commonly used in the Standardized  
19 Emergency Management System (SEMS). A complete listing of all terms is located in the County  
20 of Riverside Emergency Operations Plan.  
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- 22 a. **"ACTION PLAN"** means the plan prepared in the EOC containing the emergency response  
23 objectives of that SEMS level reflecting overall priorities and supporting activities for a  
24 designated period. The plan is shared with supporting agencies.
- 25 b. **"ACTIVATE"** means, at a minimum, a designated official of the emergency response agency  
26 implements SEMS as appropriate to the scope of the emergency and the agency's role in  
27 response to the emergency.
- 28 c. **"AFFECTED JURISDICTION"** is any jurisdiction which is, or has the reasonable possibility of  
29 being impacted by an incident or incidents, the magnitude of which is, or may fall within the  
30 scope and the intent of this Ordinance.

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- 2 d. **"CONTINUITY OF GOVERNMENT"** All measures that may be taken to ensure the continuity of  
3 essential functions of governments in the event of emergency conditions, including lines of  
4 success for key decision makers.
- 5 e. **"DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS CENTER"** means an EOC used by a distinct discipline (such  
6 as, but not limited to, flood operations, fire, medical, hazardous material) or a unit (such as, but  
7 not limited to, Department of Public Works or Department of Health). Department operations  
8 centers may be used at all SEMS levels above the field response level depending upon the  
9 impacts of the emergency.
- 10 f. **"DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES"** during a declared "State of War Emergency",  
11 "State of Emergency", or a "Local Emergency", the Director of Emergency Services shall be  
12 responsible for providing the overall management and direction to the Emergency Management  
13 Organization for the control of the emergency. The Director of Emergency Services shall be the  
14 County Chief Executive Officer or designee.
- 15 g. **"DISASTER COUNCIL"** consists of representatives of County Departments and other members  
16 as appointed by the Board of Supervisors. The County Disaster Council is authorized to  
17 recommend for adoption to the Board of Supervisors emergency and mutual aid plans and  
18 agreements as well as ordinances, resolutions, rules and regulations as may be necessary to  
19 implement such plans and agreements, and any necessary amendments.
- 20 h. **"DISASTER SERVICE WORKER"** includes public employees and any unregistered person  
21 pressed into service during a State of War emergency, a State of emergency, or a Local  
22 Emergency by a person having authority to command the aid of citizens in the execution of his  
23 duties. It does not include any member registered as an active fire fighting member of any  
24 regularly organized volunteer fire department, having official recognition, and full or partial  
25 support of the county, city, town or district in which such fire department is located.  
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- 1 i. **"EMERGENCY"** means the duly proclaimed existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme  
2 peril to the safety of persons and property within the territorial limits of a county, city and county,  
3 or city, caused by such conditions as air pollution, fire, flood, storm, epidemic, riot, drought,  
4 events endangering the health of the general public, sudden and severe energy shortage, plant  
5 or animal infestation or disease, the Governor's warning of an earthquake or volcanic prediction,  
6 or other than conditions which are likely to be, beyond the control of the services, personnel,  
7 equipment, and facilities of that political subdivision and require the combined forces of other  
8 political subdivisions to combat.
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11 j. **"EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION"** consists of all officers and employees of  
12 the County of Riverside, its agencies, and of the cities and districts of Riverside County,  
13 together with all volunteers and all groups, organizations and persons commandeered under the  
14 provisions of the California Emergency Services Act and this ordinance, with all equipment and  
15 material publicly owned, volunteered, commandeered or in any way under the control of the  
16 aforementioned personnel, for the support of the aforementioned personnel in the conduct of  
17 emergency operations.
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19 k. **"EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (EOC)"** means a location from which centralized  
20 emergency management can be performed.
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22 l. **"INABILITY TO ACT"** means that an officer is either killed, missing, or so seriously ill or injured  
23 as to be unable to attend meetings and otherwise perform his/her duties. Any question as to  
24 whether a particular officer can be deemed to have an "inability to act" shall be settled by the  
25 governing body of the political subdivision or any remaining available members of said body  
26 (including standby officers who are serving on such governing body).
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28 m. **"LOCAL EMERGENCY"** means the duly proclaimed existence of conditions of disaster or of  
29 extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the territorial limits of a county, city  
30 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

1 Governor's warning of an earthquake or volcanic prediction, or an earthquake or other  
2 conditions, other than conditions resulting from a labor controversy, which conditions are or are  
3 likely to be, beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of that  
4 political subdivision and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat.  
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6 n. **"LOCAL GOVERNMENT"** means local agencies as defined in Government Subsection 8680.2  
7 and special districts as defined in California Code of Regulations, Title 19, Subsection 2900(y).

8 o. **"MULTI-AGENCY or INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION"** means the participation of agencies  
9 and disciplines involved at any level of the SEMS organization working together in a coordinated  
10 effort to facilitate decisions for overall emergency response activities, including the sharing of  
11 critical resources and the prioritization of incidents.  
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13 p. **"OPERATIONAL AREA LEVEL"** means an intermediate level of the state emergency services  
14 organization, consisting of a county and all political subdivisions within the county area. Each  
15 county geographic area is designated as an operational area. An operational area is used by  
16 the county and the political subdivisions comprising the operational area for the coordination of  
17 emergency activities and to serve as a link in the system of communications and coordination  
18 between the state's emergency operation centers and the operation centers of the political  
19 subdivisions comprising the operational area, as defined in Government Code Subsection  
20 8559(b) and Section 8605. This definition does not change the definition of operational area as  
21 used in the existing fire and rescue mutual aid system.  
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23 q. **"OPERATIONAL AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE"** is the organization established by the Board  
24 of Supervisors to oversee the activities of the Riverside County Operational Area. Membership  
25 in the committee shall consist of all County Departments and agencies, all political sub divisions  
26 within Riverside County, who have signed an Operational Area Agreement.  
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28 r. **"PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY"** means an occurrence or imminent threat of an illness or  
29 health condition that is believed to be caused by any of the following:  
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1. Bioterrorism

- 1 2. The appearance of a novel or previously controlled or eradicated infectious agent of  
2 biological toxin
- 3 3. A chemical attack
- 4 4. An intentional or accidental release of chemicals which creates a hazardous materials  
5 event.  
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7 And that poses a high probability of any of the following:

- 8 1. A large number of deaths in the affected population.
- 9 2. A large number of serious or long-term disabilities in the affected population.
- 10 3. A widespread exposure to an infectious or toxic agent that poses a significant risk of  
11 substantial future harm to a large number of people in the affected population.  
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13 s. **"STANDARDIZED EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (SEMS)"** means a standardized  
14 response to emergencies involving multiple jurisdictions or multiple agencies. It is based upon  
15 and uses the principles and components of emergency management including ICS, multi-  
16 agency coordination, operational area concept, and established mutual aid systems  
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18 t. **"STANDBY SUCCESSORS"** means those standby officers as defined by Government Code  
19 Section 8638 *et seq* which have been appointed by the Board of Supervisors to fill the positions  
20 of the Board of Supervisors should one or more of its members become unavailable (as defined  
21 by Government Code Section 8636) during a State of War Emergency, State of Emergency, or  
22 local emergency. The Board of Supervisors shall appoint three standby successors for each  
23 member of the Board of Supervisors. The duties of the standby successors are listed in  
24 Government Code Section 8641.  
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26 u. **"STATE OF WAR EMERGENCY"** means the condition which exists immediately, with or  
27 without a proclamation thereof by the Governor, whenever this state or nation is attacked by an  
28 enemy of the United States, or upon receipt by the state of a warning from the federal  
29 government indicating that such an enemy attack is probable or imminent.  
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1           **Section 2.2.** Other terms used herein shall have meanings as used in the California  
2 Emergency Services Act and the County's Emergency Operations Plan, hereinafter referred to as  
3 the County's Emergency Plan.  
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5                           **ARTICLE III. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION**

6           **Section 3.1.** The Riverside County "Emergency Management Organization" consists of all  
7 officers and employees of the County of Riverside, its agencies, and of the cities and special  
8 districts of Riverside County, together with all volunteers and all groups, organizations and persons  
9 commandeered under the provisions of the California Emergency Services Act and this ordinance,  
10 with all equipment and material publicly owned, volunteered, commandeered or in any way under  
11 the control of the aforementioned personnel, for the support of the aforementioned personnel in the  
12 conduct of emergency operations.  
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14           **Section 3.2.** The Riverside County Emergency Management Organization shall be  
15 activated, and function only:

- 16 a. Upon the existence of a "State of War Emergency";  
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18 b. Upon the declaration by the Governor of the State of California, or of persons authorized to act  
19 in his/her stead, of a "State of Emergency" affecting and including Riverside County; or  
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21 c. Upon the declaration of a "Local Emergency" by the Board of Supervisors of Riverside County,  
22 or by persons herein authorized to act in its stead.  
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24 d. Upon the declaration of a "Public Health Emergency" by the Board of Supervisors of Riverside  
25 County, or by persons herein authorized to act in its stead.  
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27 e. Two or more cities within the Operational Area have declared or proclaimed a local emergency.  
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29 f. The Operational Area is requesting resources from outside its boundaries, except those  
30 resources used in normal day-to-day operations which are obtained through existing  
agreements providing for the exchange or furnishing of certain types of facilities and services on  
a reimbursable, exchange, or other basis as provided for under the Master Mutual Aid  
Agreement;

1 g. The Operational Area has received resource requests from outside its boundaries, except those  
2 resources used in normal day-to-day operations which are obtained through existing  
3 agreements for the exchange or furnishing of certain types of facilities and services on a  
4 reimbursable, exchange, or other basis as provided for under the Master Mutual Aid Agreement.  
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6 **Section 3.3.** The Emergency Management Organization shall be composed of such  
7 elements as are provided for in the County of Riverside Emergency Operations Plan. The  
8 Emergency Operations Plan shall provide for the organization of the Emergency Management  
9 Organization, utilizing the concepts of the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS).  
10 The Officers of the County of Riverside shall have the duty and authority to plan for the mobilization,  
11 operation and support of that segment of the Emergency Management Organization for which each  
12 is responsible as provided for in the Emergency Plan.  
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#### 14 **ARTICLE IV. DISASTER COUNCIL**

15 **Section 4.1.** The Chair of the Board of Supervisors shall serve as the Chair of the Disaster  
16 Council.  
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18 **Section 4.2.** The line of succession for Chair of the Board In their absence, or upon their  
19 inability to act, the Chair of the Board shall automatically be succeeded as Chair of the Disaster  
20 Council by the following officials in the order named:

- 21 a. Vice-Chair, Board of Supervisors;  
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23 b. Remaining County Supervisors in the sequence of the numbers of their respective Supervisorial  
24 Districts, unless said Board shall otherwise determine;  
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26 c. Standby Officers are excluded from the line of succession for the Chairman of the Board of  
27 Supervisors, unless said Board shall otherwise determine.

28 **Section 4.3.** The Riverside County Disaster Council consists of the following persons:

- 29 a. Chairperson - Board of Supervisors  
30 b. Disaster Council Chair of each incorporated city in Riverside County;  
c. County Executive Officer

- 1 d. District Attorney
- 2 e. County Counsel
- 3 f. Director - DPSS
- 4 g. County Fire Chief
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- 6 h. Sheriff
- 7 i. CHA Director
- 8 j. Director - Human Resources
- 9 k. Director - County Flood Control
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- 11 l. Director – TLMA
- 12 m. Director – Public Health
- 13 n. Director – Mental Health
- 14 o. Additional members may be appointed by the Board of Supervisors and may include:
  - 15 1. Military Representative
  - 16 2. County Superintendent of Schools
  - 17 3. The American Red Cross
  - 18 4. Such additional individuals or businesses of Riverside County as the Board of Supervisors
  - 19 may appoint as "members at large".
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- 21 n. The Deputy Director, Office of Emergency Services or designee shall be the Secretary and
- 22 provide technical guidance.
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24 **Section 4.4.** The Disaster Council shall have power to:

- 25 a. Elect a Vice-Chair and such other officers as it shall deem necessary;
- 26 b. Enact its own rules of procedures;
- 27 c. Review and recommend for adoption to the Board of Supervisors those emergency and mutual
- 28 aid plans, agreements, ordinances, resolutions, and regulations as it shall deem necessary to
- 29 implement such plans and agreements, and any necessary amendments to those documents.
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**Section 4.5** Additional duties of the Disaster Council include:

- 1 a. Assess and coordinate disaster related training relating specifically to the unincorporated areas  
2 of the County of Riverside.
- 3 b. Develop plans for meeting any condition constituting a local emergency or state of emergency,  
4 including, but not limited to, earthquakes, natural, or manmade disasters.
- 5 c. Evaluate the potential hazards within the County and assist in the development of response  
6 plans relating to those hazards.
- 7 d. Review and approve the County of Riverside Emergency Operations Plan.
- 8 e. Develop and approve plans providing for the effective mobilization of all of the resources within  
9 the political subdivision, both public and private.
- 10 f. By ordinance, provide for the organization, powers and duties, divisions, services, and staff of  
11 the County's emergency organization.
- 12 g. Act as an advisory board to the EOC Policy Group during a declared disaster as deemed  
13 necessary by the Chairperson of the Board or the Director of Emergency Services.
- 14 h. Certify Disaster Service Workers through the County Office of Emergency Services under  
15 authority of Section 3211.9 of the California Labor Code.

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19 **Section 4.6.** The Disaster Council shall meet annually or upon call of the Chair, or in his/her  
20 absence or inability to call such a meeting, upon the call of the Vice-Chair.

21 **Section 4.6.** During a "State of War Emergency", "State of Emergency" or a "Local  
22 Emergency", the Chair of the Disaster Council or the Director of Emergency Services may call upon  
23 the Disaster Council to meet with the EOC Policy Group to act as an advisory group on issues as  
24 determined by the Director of Emergency Services or the Disaster Council Chair.

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26 **ARTICLE V. DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**

27 **Section 5.1.** The Director of Emergency Services shall mean that person designated in a  
28 resolution adopted pursuant to Government Code Section 8610 by the Board of Supervisors to  
29 provide direction and control of the Riverside County Emergency Organization, during times of  
30 emergency or disaster. The County Chief Executive Officer shall be the Director of Emergency

1 Services.

2 **Section 5.2.** The line of succession for the Director of Emergency Services, in the absence  
3 of the County Chief Executive Officer, or inability to act, shall automatically be succeeded by the  
4 following officials in the order named. A designee may not fill the position of Director of Emergency  
5 Services without the approval of the County Chief Executive Officer or the Chair of the Board of  
6 Supervisors.  
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- 8 a. Assistant County Chief Executive Officer
- 9 b. Sheriff
- 10 c. County Fire Chief
- 11 d. Public Health Officer
- 12 e. Director - TLMA
- 13 f. Director - Public Social Services (Welfare)
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15 **Section 5.3.** The Director of Emergency Services shall have the following powers and  
16 duties:

- 17 a. To make key appointments, subject to the approval of the Board of Supervisors, within the  
18 Emergency Management Organization;
- 19 b. Request the Board of Supervisors to proclaim the existence of a "Local Emergency" if said  
20 Board is in session, or to issue such proclamation if said Board is not in session. Whenever a  
21 "Local Emergency" is proclaimed by the Director of Emergency Services, the Board of  
22 Supervisors shall take action to ratify the proclamation within seven days thereafter or the  
23 proclamation shall have no further force or effect;
- 24 c. During the existence of "State of War Emergency", or the proclaimed existence of a "State of  
25 Emergency" or a "Local Emergency" affecting Riverside County or the Riverside County  
26 Operational Area to:
  - 27 1. Control and direct the activities of the Riverside County Emergency Management  
28 Organization;
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- 1 2. Use all County resources for the preservation of life and property and to reduce the effects  
2 of emergency;
- 3 3. Resolve questions of authority and responsibility that may arise in emergency operations;
- 4 4. Obtain vital supplies, equipment and other resources needed for the preservation of life and  
5 property by either binding the County for the fair value thereof or by commandeering same;
- 6 5. To delegate to elected and appointed officials of the County of Riverside such duties and  
7 authorities as he deems necessary;
- 8 6. To make and issue rules and regulations on matters reasonably related to the protection of  
9 life and property as affected by any conditions proclaimed as provided herein;
- 10 7. To require emergency services of any county officer or employee, and to command the aid  
11 of as many citizens of the County of Riverside as the Director deems necessary in the  
12 execution of his/her duties;
- 13 8. To exercise complete authority over the County and to exercise all police power vested in  
14 the County by the Constitution and general laws;
- 15 9. In addition to the powers granted herein, the Director of Emergency Services shall have  
16 such powers incidental to the performance of said duties as shall be necessary to allow for  
17 the carrying out of the Emergency Plan of the County of Riverside, it being the intent that the  
18 enumerated powers herein are not intended to be limitations upon the Director's powers.  
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## 22 **ARTICLE VI. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE FIRE CHIEF**

23 **Section 6.1.** The Fire Chief, through the Deputy Director, Office of Emergency Services (or  
24 designee), shall, prior to the existence of a "Local Emergency":

- 25 a. Support and coordinate the activities of Operational Area, the Operational Area Planning  
26 Committee, and its subcommittees;
- 27 b. Develop, coordinate, and bear primary responsibility for basic planning to provide for the use of  
28 all governmental entities, resources and equipment; all commercial and industrial resources;  
29 and all such special groups, bodies and organizations as may be needed to support disaster  
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1 operations;

- 2 c. Develop and coordinate such emergency training programs and exercises as may be needed;
- 3 d. Develop and coordinate a public information program designed for self-protection;
- 4 e. Coordinate planning and training with federal, state, and other county and city emergency
- 5 agencies, Red Cross, and with appropriate elements of the Armed Forces;
- 6 f. Develop such standby ordinances, rules and regulations as planning may dictate as being
- 7 necessary and shall bring said instruments to the Board of Supervisors, recommending their
- 8 enactment;
- 9 g. Recommend to the Riverside County Disaster Council matters for consideration within the
- 10 purview of said Council's responsibilities;
- 11 h. Recommend to the Board of Supervisors matters of policy for consideration insofar as they
- 12 relate to the planning process for emergency services;
- 13 i. Assign duties and authorities to personnel of the Office Emergency Services;
- 14 j. Implement the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) as the method of
- 15 organization in all said plans and activities;
- 16 k. Ensure that the County's Emergency Plan is kept up to date, and that current emergency
- 17 management concepts are applied.
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21 **Section 6.2.** During a "State of War Emergency" or of a "State of Emergency" or "Local

22 Emergency" affecting Riverside County, the Fire Chief, through the Deputy Director, Office of

23 Emergency Services shall:

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- 25 a. Serve as staff advisor to the Director of Emergency Services and the EOC Policy Group;
- 26 b. Recommend to said Director of Emergency Services operating decisions and policies in the
- 27 operation of the County Emergency Management Organization;
- 28 c. Provide for the coordination and facilitation of personnel and materiel resources as directed by
- 29 said Director of Emergency Services;
- 30 d. Perform such duties, in the scope of disaster management, as may be assigned by said Director

1 of Emergency Services

2 **ARTICLE VII. COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**

3 **Section 7.1.** There is hereby created the Riverside County Fire Department, Office of  
4 Emergency Services, which is responsible for the administration of all matters relating to the  
5 County's emergency management program to include the plan writing and review of the County's  
6 Emergency Operations Plan.  
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8 **Section 7.2.** There is hereby established the position of Deputy Director, Office of  
9 Emergency Services (OES) which shall be filled by appointment by the Fire Chief and ratified by the  
10 Board of Supervisors.  
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- 12 a. This position shall administer the day-to-day activities of the County Office of Emergency  
13 Services and will be responsible to ensure emergency management duties under the State  
14 Office of Emergency Services (OES) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)  
15 guidelines are applied wherever applicable;  
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17 b. The County Fire Chief, the Deputy Director, the County Chief Executive Officer, shall act as  
18 "applicant agent" to the State Office of Emergency Services or Federal Emergency  
19 Management Agency;  
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21 c. The Deputy Director, OES shall report to the County Fire Chief;  
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23 d. The Deputy Director, OES, or a designated member of his/her staff, will attend any multi-agency  
24 coordination meetings to provide the briefing on the nature and scope of the disaster, the  
25 progress made to date on control measures and the status of available resources;  
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27 e. The Deputy Director, OES, or designed staff member will serve as a technical advisor to the  
28 Riverside County Director of Emergency Services and any multi-agency coordination meetings.

29 **ARTICLE VIII. RIVERSIDE COUNTY OPERATIONAL AREA**

30 **Section 8.1.** The "Riverside County Operational Area" is an intermediate level of the state  
emergency services organization consisting of the County of Riverside, all political subdivisions,  
and those special districts that have signed an agreement and become part of the Operational Area

1 within the geographic boundaries of Riverside County. The "Riverside County Operational Area" is  
2 used for the coordination of emergency activities and to serve as the link in the system of  
3 communications and coordination between the state's emergency operation centers and the  
4 emergency operation centers of the county and the political subdivisions comprising the "Riverside  
5 County Operational Area".  
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7 **Section 8.2.** The county government shall serve as the lead agency of the "Riverside  
8 County Operational Area" unless another member agency of the operational area assumes that  
9 responsibility by written agreement with county government.  
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11 **Section 8.3.** The operational area authority and responsibility under the Standardized  
12 Emergency Management System shall not be affected by non-participation of any local  
13 government(s) within the operational area.  
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15 **Section 8.4.** As the lead agency, the county government shall:

- 16 a. Coordinate information, resources and priorities among local governments within the operational  
17 area.
- 18 b. Coordinate information, resources and priorities between the regional level and the local  
19 government level. Coordination of fire and law enforcement resources shall be accomplished  
20 through their respective mutual aid systems.
- 21 c. Use multi-agency coordination to facilitate decisions for overall operational level emergency  
22 response activities.
- 23 d. Provide for an Operational Area EOC, which may be co-located with the County EOC.
- 24 e. Coordinate resources within the county not covered by normal law or fire mutual aid.  
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26 **Section 8.5.** The Operational Area EOC shall be activated and SEMS used when any of  
27 the following conditions exist:

- 28 a. A local government within the Operational Area has activated its EOC and requested activation  
29 of the Operational Area EOC to support emergency operations;
- 30 b. Two or more cities within the Operational Area have declared or proclaimed a local emergency;

- 1 c. The county and one or more cities have declared or proclaimed a local emergency;
- 2 d. A city, city and county, or county has requested a governor's proclamation of a state of
- 3 emergency, as defined in Government Code Section 8558(b);
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- 5 e. A state of emergency is proclaimed by the governor for the county or two or more cities within
- 6 the Operational Area;
- 7 f. The Operational Area is requesting resources from outside its boundaries, except those
- 8 resources used in normal day-to-day operations which are obtained through existing
- 9 agreements providing for the exchange or furnishing of certain types of facilities and services on
- 10 a reimbursable, exchange, or other basis as provided for under the Master Mutual Aid
- 11 Agreement;
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- 13 g. The Operational Area has received resource requests from outside its boundaries, except those
- 14 resources used in normal day-to-day operations which are obtained through existing
- 15 agreements for the exchange or furnishing of certain types of facilities and services on a
- 16 reimbursable, exchange, or other basis as provided for under the Master Mutual Aid Agreement.
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18 **Section 8.6.** The Operational Area Planning Committee (OAPC) is established by the

19 Board of Supervisors to oversee the activities of the Riverside County Operational Area.

20 Membership in the committee shall consist of designated County Departments, all cities within

21 Riverside County, and all Special Districts who have signed an Operational Area Agreement. The

22 OAPC shall establish a set of by-laws governing membership, voting, and grant review and funding

23 policies.

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25 **Section 8.7.** The Operational Area Planning Committee is responsible for the oversight of

26 all grant funds directed to the Operational Area from various federal and state agencies sources.

27 The Operational Area Planning Committee shall establish subcommittee(s) as needed to determine

28 the scope of these grants, the method of distribution of these funds, and to review and approve

29 requests for these funds.

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## ARTICLE IX. POWERS OF SUCCESSION



1 of the Board.

2 b. Standby Officers shall be appointed yearly.

3 c. If more than one Standby Officer is appointed by a Board member, the Standby Officers shall be  
4 designated as successor 1, 2, and 3.

5 1. Standby Offices shall succeed their Board member based on their designation.

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7 d. In accordance with Section 8640 of the Government Code, each Standby Officer shall take an  
8 oath of office required for the position they have been selected for as a successor.

9 **Section 11.3.** The City of Indio is hereby designated as the alternate seat of government  
10 for the County of Riverside. The alternate seat shall be used at the determination of the Board of  
11 Supervisors or the Director of Emergency Services when there is no ability to continue with County  
12 business from a location within the general jurisdiction of the City of Riverside due to war or  
13 peacetime emergencies. If the alternate seat for the County of Riverside is activated, all business  
14 of the County transacted there shall be legal and binding as if transacted at the county seat.  
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16 **Section 11.4.** Two emergency operating centers shall be maintained to meet emergency  
17 contingencies, and shall be maintained in accordance with Board Policy H-14. One of these is to  
18 be located at the county seat and the other at the alternate seat of government.  
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## 20 **ARTICLE XII. EMERGENCY PROCLAMATIONS**

21 **Section 12.1.** By resolution adopted pursuant to this Article, the Board of Supervisors shall  
22 designate a Director of Emergency Services. The Director of Emergency Services shall have the  
23 power to declare a proclamation of a "State of Emergency" or "Local Emergency".  
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25 **Section 12.2.** If the Board of Supervisors is in session, the Director of Emergency Services  
26 shall request that the Board of Supervisors proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a  
27 "local emergency," and recommend that the Board of Supervisors request that the Governor  
28 proclaim a "state of emergency" when, in the opinion of the Director of Emergency Services, the  
29 locally available resources are inadequate to cope with the emergency.  
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**Section 12.3.** In the event the Board of Supervisors is not in session, the Director of

1 Emergency Services shall have the authority to issue a proclamation of a "local emergency".

2       **Section 12.4.** Whenever the Director of Emergency Services proclaims a "Local  
3 Emergency", the Board of Supervisors shall take action to ratify the proclamation within seven days  
4 thereafter or the proclamation shall have no further force or effect.

5       **Section 12.5.** The Board of Supervisors must review, at least every 14 days, the continuing  
6 existence of the emergency. They must also terminate the emergency declaration at the earliest  
7 possible date that conditions warrant.  
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9                   **ARTICLE XIII. POWERS AND AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER**

10       **Section 13.1.** The County Health Officer may declare a "Public Health Emergency" in the  
11 County or any area in the County when there has been a event as described in Section 2.1 (I) of  
12 this ordinance and/or as defined in Section 101080 of the California Health and Safety Code and  
13 health officer reasonably determines that the event is an immediate threat to the public health, the  
14 local health officer may declare a public health emergency in the county or any area thereof  
15 affected by the threat to the public health.  
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17       **Section 13.2.** The "Public Health Emergency" declaration shall not remain in effect for a  
18 period in excess of seven days unless the board of supervisors has ratified it.  
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20       **Section 13.3.** The Board of Supervisors shall review, at least every 14 days until the local  
21 health emergency is terminated, the need for continuing the local health emergency and shall  
22 proclaim the termination of the local health emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions  
23 warrant the termination. They must also terminate the declaration at the earliest possible date that  
24 conditions warrant.  
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26       **Section 13.4.** Section 101040 of the California Government Code states that the County  
27 Health Officer may take any preventive measure that may be necessary to protect and preserve the  
28 public from any public health hazard during any "state of war emergency," "state of emergency," or  
29 "local emergency," as defined by Section 8558 of the Government Code, within his or her  
30 jurisdiction. "Preventive measure" means abatement, correction, removal, or any other protective



1 if such act is of such a nature as to give, or be likely to give, assistance to the enemy, or to  
2 imperil life or property, or to prevent, hinder, or delay the defense or protection of person or  
3 property;  
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5 c. To wear, carry or display, without authority, any means of identification specified by the County  
6 of Riverside and/or disaster agencies of the Federal or State Governments.

7 **ARTICLE XV. SEVERABILITY**

8 **Section 15.1.** If any provision of this chapter or application thereof to any person or  
9 circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications,  
10 and to this and the provisions of this chapter are declared to be severable.  
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12 **Section 16.1** This ordinance will be effective 30 days after adoption.

13 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY  
14 OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

15 By: \_\_\_\_\_  
16 Chairman

17 ATTEST:  
18 Nancy Romero  
19 Clerk of the Board

20 By: \_\_\_\_\_  
21 Deputy

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