

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



**FROM:** Riverside County Fire Department  
Office of Emergency Services

**SUBJECT:** Declaration of Local Emergency in Riverside County

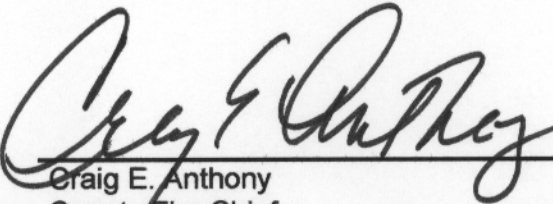
**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
September 12, 2005

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

1. Endorse the proclamation of Local Emergency by the Director of Emergency Services.
2. Adopt Resolution No. 2005-431 declaring a Local Emergency within Riverside County.

**BACKGROUND:** As a result of Hurricane Katrina evacuations and associated activities, a significant number of Hurricane Katrina evacuees began arriving in Riverside County resulting in the activation of the Riverside County Operational Area Emergency Operations Center (EOC), the Community Health Agency Department Operations Center and a Local Assistance Center. The immediate need for medical, social, public safety and public works services has significantly impacted Riverside County. On September 9, 2005 the Director of Emergency Services Proclaimed that a "Local Emergency" existed throughout Riverside County while the Board of Supervisors of Riverside County was not in session.

Departmental Concurrence




Craig E. Anthony  
County Fire Chief

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	Current F.Y.	\$0	In Current Year Budget:	N/A
	Current F.Y.	\$0	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual	\$0	For Fiscal Year:	05/06

<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**

**County Executive Office Signature** 

Dept't Recomm.:  
 Per Exec. Ofc.:  
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**Prev. Agn. Ref.:**      **District:** All      **Agenda Number:**

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1           **WHEREAS**, the influx of evacuees has impacted the medical,  
2 hospital, social services, public health, mental health, public  
3 safety, and public works infrastructure; and

4           **WHEREAS**, the County has called upon the local, state and  
5 federal resources to assist; and

6           **WHEREAS**, the County's Chief Executive Officer/Director of  
7 Emergency Services proclaimed the existence of a Local Emergency  
8 at which time the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside  
9 was not in session; and

10           **WHEREAS**, the Governor of the State of California has  
11 recognized the impact of hurricane Katrina evacuations and  
12 associated activities for all counties and cities within the State  
13 of California and requested that the President of the United  
14 States declare an emergency for the State of California and  
15 provide federal assistance; 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 **September 13, 2005**, that an emergency existed within  
19 said County.

20           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clerk of the Board shall  
21 forward a copy of this Resolution to the Governor, to the State  
22 Office of Emergency Services, and to all other appropriate state  
23 and federal agencies with an interest therein and ask that all  
24 state and federal assistance made available to the State of  
25 California be made available to the County of Riverside and all  
26 political subdivisions within Riverside County.

27           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that all county officials  
28 and employees cooperate and coordinate efforts with officials and  
29 employees of other political subdivisions and officials and  
30 employees of the state and federal government in bringing the  
present condition of local emergency under control.

1           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that the County's Chief  
2 Executive Officer/Director of Emergency Services be in charge of  
3 directing Riverside County efforts during this emergency and that  
4 all county officials and employees cooperate with this person in  
5 bringing this emergency under control.

6           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that within the next  
7 fourteen (14) days a report on the most recent conditions of the  
8 emergency be presented to this Board of Supervisors so that this  
9 Board may determine whether conditions of emergency and disaster  
10 still exist.

11           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that Mary Moreland, Deputy  
12 Director of the Office of Emergency Services, Riverside County  
13 Fire Department is hereby designated as the authorized  
14 representative of the County of Riverside for the purpose of  
15 receipt, processing and coordination of all inquiries and  
16 requirements necessary to obtain available state and federal  
17 assistance.

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COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY  
BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

WHEREAS, Ordinance 533.5 of the County of Riverside empowers the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence of a "Local Emergency" when the Board of Supervisors is not in session; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services does hereby find:

That as a result of Hurricane Katrina evacuations and associated activities, beginning on September 1, 2005 a significant number of Hurricane Katrina evacuees began arriving in Riverside County; and

This influx has impacted the medical, hospital, social services, public health, mental health, public safety, and public works infrastructure; and

These displaced victims have necessitated the opening and staffing of a Local Assistance Center; and

On September 7, 2005 the Operational Area Emergency Operations Center was activated; and

The County of Riverside has called upon local and State resources to assist; and

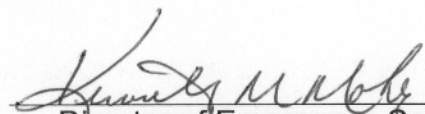
That the aforementioned conditions warrant and necessitate the proclamation of a "Local Emergency"; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a "Local Emergency" exists throughout the County of Riverside; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said "Local Emergency", the powers, functions and duties of the Director of Emergency Services and the Emergency Management Organization of this County shall be those prescribed by State law and the charter, ordinances, resolutions and approved plans of the County of Riverside in order to mitigate the effects of said "Local Emergency"; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that said "Local Emergency" shall be deemed to continue to exist for the next seven days, and thereafter by ratification of the Board of Supervisors, until its termination is proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside.

Dated: September 9, 2005

  
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Director of Emergency Services  
County of Riverside

GOVERNOR ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

September 6, 2005

The Honorable George W. Bush  
President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Via: Ms. Karen Armes  
Acting Regional Director  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
Region IX  
1111 Broadway, Suite 1200  
Oakland, California 94607

Dear Mr. President:

Under the provisions of Section 501(a) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. § 5121-5206 (the Stafford Act), and implemented by Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations § 206.35, I request that you declare an emergency for the State of California as a result of Hurricane Katrina evacuations and associated activities, beginning on August 29, 2005, and continuing. All counties and cities within the State of California may be affected by this event.

In response to the situation, I have taken appropriate action under state law and directed the execution of the State Emergency Plan on August 31, 2005, in accordance with Section 501(a) of the Stafford Act. I will issue an executive order to facilitate the assistance and sheltering of evacuees that come to California.

Pursuant to 44 CFR § 206.35, I have determined that this incident is of such severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capabilities of the state and affected local governments, and that supplementary federal assistance is necessary to save lives, protect property, public health, and safety, or to lessen or avert the threat of a disaster. I am specifically requesting 100 percent federal assistance to accomplish emergency protective measures (Category B) and sheltering activities as allowed under the Public Assistance

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Program and 100 percent direct federal assistance, if such assistance becomes necessary, in all counties in the state. I would also like to request that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) interpret Stafford Act criteria as broadly as possible to encompass and reimburse the wide array of services and activities that may be needed to assist evacuees in rebuilding their lives.

Preliminary estimates of the types and amount of emergency assistance needed under the Stafford Act and from other federal agencies under other statutory authorities are expected to exceed \$5 million. A more accurate estimate will not be possible until more information becomes available about the number of evacuees, the extent of necessary services required, and the duration of sheltering activities. At this time, hundreds, if not thousands, of evacuees have arrived independently and are impacting local and state human and educational services.

The following information is furnished on the efforts and resources committed by state departments that have been or will be used to alleviate the conditions of this emergency: The State Emergency Operations Center has been operating daily since Wednesday, August 31, 2005, from 0700-1900 hours. State departments providing mutual aid support to the affected states and planning for receiving evacuees include the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES), California Conservation Corps, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, California Department of Food and Agriculture, California Department of General Services, California Department of Health Services, California Department of Mental Health, California Department of Social Services, California Department of Water Resources, California Military Department, California Service Corps, California Emergency Medical Services Authority, California Department of Transportation, California Department of Fish and Game, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, and the California Office of Homeland Security. Non-state agencies contributing resources include the American Red Cross, Business and Industry Council of Emergency Preparedness Planning, Business Executives for National Security, California Utilities Emergency Association, and the Salvation Army.

Although not a member of the national Emergency Management Assistance Compact, California has deployed more than 1,200 local and state personnel on Urban Search and Rescue, Swift Water Rescue and Disaster Medical Assistance Teams. The state also supplied OES law enforcement, California Highway Patrol, and California National Guard assets to Louisiana for security services and to supplement the resources of the Louisiana State Police. San Diego County activated its local emergency operation center in anticipation of receiving evacuees and others are sure to do the same once the evacuees arrive.

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In accordance with information provided by FEMA, I understand that all eligible costs incurred by state and local government agencies will be funded 100 percent by the federal government.

I request direct federal assistance for work performed and services to care for the evacuees from various states that have been directly affected by Hurricane Katrina. Although state and local agencies should be able to perform or contract for most of the necessary work, direct federal assistance may be necessary to address some evacuee requirements. In accordance with 44 CFR § 206.208, the State of California agrees that it will, with respect to direct federal assistance:

1. Provide without cost to the United States all lands, easement, and rights-of-ways necessary to accomplish the approved work.
2. Hold and save the United States free from damages due to the requested work, and shall indemnify the Federal Government against any claims arising from such work; and
3. Assist the performing federal agency in all support and local jurisdictional matters.

I have designated Mr. Henry R. Renteria, Director of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services, as the State Coordinating Officer for this request. He will work with FEMA, on my behalf, to provide any additional information or justification that may be needed.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by

**ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER**  
Governor