

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



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

**SUBMITTAL DATE**  
October 22, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Declaration of Local Emergency in Riverside County due to severely high and damaging winds.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors adopt Resolution No. 2007- 484 declaring a Local Emergency within Riverside County due to severely high and damaging winds.

**BACKGROUND:** Conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property arose within the County of Riverside due to high and damaging winds commencing on October 20, 2007. Riverside County is included in a State of Emergency declaration by Governor Schwarzenegger, who proclaimed a State of Emergency in the counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Santa Barbara, and Ventura due to more than eleven major wildfires. However, it is apparent that much of the damage in Riverside County is related to wind damage, not wildfire; therefore, it is requested that the Board of Supervisors Proclaim a Local Emergency by adoption of Resolution 2007- 484 declaring the Local Emergency and ask for state and federal assistance.

Departmental Concurrence

*Mary Moreland*  
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Mary Moreland, Deputy Director for  
John R. Hawkins, County Fire Chief

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| <b>FINANCIAL DATA</b> | Current F.Y. Total Cost:      | \$ | In Current Year Budget: |
|                       | Current F.Y. Net County Cost: | \$ | Budget Adjustment:      |
|                       | Annual Net County Cost:       | \$ | For Fiscal Year:        |

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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  
BY: *Bill Luna*  
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Bill Luna

**County Executive Office Signature**

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

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1           **WHEREAS**, conditions described above were beyond the capabilities and control of  
2 the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of the County and required the combined  
3 forces of other political subdivisions; and

4           **WHEREAS**, the Governor of the State of California, Arnold Schwarzenegger,  
5 proclaimed on October 21, 2007 a State of Emergency for the County of Riverside as a  
6 result of the wildfires which were exacerbated by this wind event; now therefore

7           **BE IT RESOLVED AND DECLARED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of  
8 Riverside, State of California, in regular session assembled on **October 23, 2007** that an  
9 emergency now exists within said County.

10           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that during the existence of said  
11 emergency, powers, functions, and duties of the Director of Emergency Services and the  
12 Emergency Management Organization of Riverside County shall be those prescribed by  
13 State law and the ordinances, resolutions, and approved plans of the County of Riverside  
14 in order to mitigate the effects of said emergency.

15           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that all County officials and  
16 employees cooperate and coordinate efforts with officials and employees of other political  
17 subdivisions and officials and employees of the state and federal government in bringing  
18 the present condition of local emergency and disaster under control.

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

23           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that Robert Byrd, Auditor  
24 Controller, is hereby designated as the authorized representative of the County of  
25 Riverside for the purpose of receipt, processing and coordination of all inquiries and  
26 requirements necessary to obtain available state and federal assistance.

27           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that a copy of this resolution be  
28 forwarded to the Governor of California with the request that he pursue a Presidential  
29 Declaration.  
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