

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



FROM: Riverside County Fire Department Office of Emergency Services

SUBMITTAL DATE:
January 21, 2010

SUBJECT: Declaration of Local Emergency in Riverside County

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Ratify the Proclamation of Local Emergency by the Director of Emergency Services,
2. Adopt Resolution No. 2010-056 declaring a Local Emergency within Riverside County.

BACKGROUND: Conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the County of Riverside caused by substantial amounts of continuous rainfall resulting in subsequent flooding and rockslides in Riverside County. At the time of the Proclamation, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside was not in session necessitating the Director of Emergency Services to Proclaim that a Local Emergency existed throughout Riverside County. It is requested that the Board of Supervisors ratify the Proclamation of a Local Emergency by the Director of Emergency Services and adopt Resolution 2010-056 declaring the Local Emergency and asking for state and federal assistance.

**Peter Lent, Deputy Director, OES
for John Hawkins, Fire Chief**

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ N/A	In Current Year Budget:	N/A
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ N/A	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ N/A	For Fiscal Year:	N/A

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

BY: Robert Tremaine
Robert Tremaine

County Executive Office Signature

- Policy
- Policy
- Consent
- Consent

Dep't Recomm.:
Per Exec. Ofc.:

Prev. Agn. Ref.:

District: All

Agenda Number:

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FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY: Synthia M. Gunzel DATE: 1-25-10
SYNTHIA M. GUNZEL DATE: 1-25-10 (Immunization Concurrence)

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 finds:

That at the time of this proclamation the Board of Supervisors is not in session;

That conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the County of Riverside caused by substantial amounts of rain falling resulting in subsequent flooding, rockslides, and road closures and;

There exists an imminent threat to life and property and;

Limited resources within the County are available due to the number of ongoing incidents throughout Riverside County and;

State Resources have been called upon to assist in flood fighting efforts and to clear blocked State Roadways and;

Evacuation of critical facilities and citizens are likely to occur and;

Communities in the unincorporated areas could be isolated;

That the aforesaid conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the proclamation of a "Local Emergency".

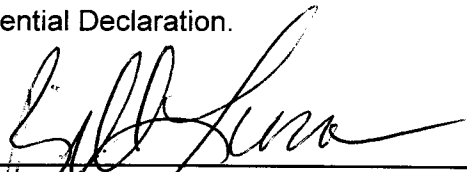
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a "Local Emergency" exists throughout the County of Riverside; and

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.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that a copy of this proclamation be forwarded to the Governor of California with the requests that he proclaim the existence of a State of Emergency throughout Riverside County and the Governor request a Presidential Declaration.

Dated: January 21, 2010



Director of Emergency Services
County of Riverside

2 RESOLUTION NO. 2010-056

3 DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY UNDER GOVERNMENT CODE

4 SECTION 8630 AND COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 533.5

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

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

16 WHEREAS, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have
17 arisen within this County caused by substantial amounts of continuous rain fall resulting in
18 subsequent flooding and rockslides in Riverside County; and

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

23 WHEREAS, the conditions described above were beyond the capabilities and control
24 of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of the County and required the combined
25 forces of other political subdivisions; now therefore;

26 BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED, ORDERED AND DECLARED by the Board of
27 Supervisors of the County of Riverside, State of California, in regular session assembled on
28 **January 26, 2010**, that an emergency continues to exist within said County.

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY: *Barbara M. Gunzel* 1-25-10
SMITHA M. GUNZEL DATE

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED that during the
2 existence of said emergency, powers, functions, and duties of the Director of Emergency
3 Services and the Emergency Management Organization of Riverside County shall be those
4 prescribed by State law and the ordinances, resolutions, and approved plans of the County of
5 Riverside in order to mitigate the effects of said emergency.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED DETERMINED AND ORDERED that all County officials
7 and employees cooperate and coordinate efforts with officials and employees of other political
8 subdivisions and officials and employees of the state and federal government in bringing the
9 present condition of local emergency and disaster under control.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED that within the next
11 fourteen (14) days a report on the most recent conditions of emergency and disaster be
12 presented to this Board of Supervisors so that this Board may determine whether conditions of
13 emergency and disaster still exist.

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

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED that a copy of this
20 resolution is forwarded to CalEMA with the request that the Governor of California proclaim
21 the existence of a State of Emergency throughout Riverside County and further request a
22 Presidential Declaration.

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