

**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 (OES)

SUBMITTAL DATE:
August 12, 2013

SUBJECT: Ratify the Proclamation of Local Emergency Resolution #2013-212

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Ratify the Proclamation of Local Emergency by the Director of Emergency Services; and,
2. Adopt Resolution 2013-212, declaring a Local Emergency within Riverside County.

BACKGROUND: The Silver Fire in Riverside County, which started August 7, 2013, has endangered the safety of people and property in the communities of Poppet Flats, Twin Pines, Silent Valley, Cabazon and the surrounding communities. The Director of Emergency Services Proclaimed a Local Emergency in Riverside County on August 7, 2013, when the Board of Supervisors was not in session. It is requested that the Board of Supervisors ratify this Proclamation of Local Emergency by the Director of Emergency Services and adopt Resolution 2013-212, declaring the Local Emergency and asking for state and federal assistance through a Presidential Declaration and/or the California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) and/or a Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Declaration for the purposes of recovering response costs.

Peter Lent

Peter Lent, Deputy Director, Office of Emergency Services
for John R. Hawkins, County 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: *Tina Grande*
County Executive Office Signature

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY: ERIC STOPHER
DATE: 8/14/13
Department of Insurance

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

Prev. Agn. Ref.: | District: All | Agenda Number:

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**RESOLUTION DECLARING THE EXISTENCE
OF A
LOCAL EMERGENCY**

Board of Supervisors

County of Riverside

**COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
RESOLUTION NO. 2013-212**

**RESOLUTION DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY UNDER
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 8630 AND COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 533.5**

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 began on August 7, 2013, due to a major wildfire within the County of Riverside, impacting the communities of Poppet Flats, Twin Pines, Silent Valley, Cabazon and Snow Creek; and at which time the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside was not in session; and,

WHEREAS, there exists an imminent threat to life, property, critical infrastructure and the environment; and,

WHEREAS, State, Federal and local government resources have been called upon to assist in fire suppression and structure protection efforts; and,

1 **WHEREAS**, multiple structures have been destroyed and the fire's proximity poses
2 severe and imminent threat to numerous residents and commercial property within these
3 communities, as well as other communities, as a result of the Silver Fire; and,

4 **WHEREAS**, evacuation orders have been issued for the communities of Poppet
5 Flats, Twin Pines, Silent Valley, Cabazon and Snow Creek; and,

6 **WHEREAS**, the aforementioned conditions of extreme peril warrant and
7 necessitate the proclamation of a "local emergency".

8 **NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED** that a "local emergency" exists
9 throughout the County of Riverside; and,

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 Office of Emergency Services of Riverside County shall be those prescribed by State law
13 and the ordinances, resolutions, and approved plans of the County of Riverside in order to
14 mitigate the effects of said emergency; and,

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; and,

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; and,

23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that Peter Lent, Deputy Director of
24 the Riverside County Fire Department, Office of Emergency Services, is hereby
25 designated as the authorized representative of the County of Riverside for the purpose of
26 receipt, processing and coordination of all inquiries and requirements necessary to obtain
27 available state and federal assistance; and,

28 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that a copy of this resolution be
29 forwarded to the Governor of California with the request that he proclaim the existence of
30 a State of Emergency throughout all lands of Riverside County, to include State

1 Responsibility Areas (SRA) and Tribal Lands, and that the Governor request a Presidential
2 Declaration and/or a California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) and/or a Small Business
3 Administration (SBA) Disaster Declaration for the purposes of recovering response costs.
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FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY:  DATE 5/14/13

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; and,

WHEREAS, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the County of Riverside caused by severe fire in the Poppet Flats, Twin Pines, Silent Valley, Cabazon and surrounding communities; and;

WHEREAS, there exists a critical threat to life, property, communities, critical infrastructure and the environment; and,

WHEREAS, State, Federal and local government resources have been called upon to assist in fire suppression and structure protection efforts; and,

WHEREAS, Evacuation Orders have been issued for the communities of Poppet Flats, Twin Pines, Silent Valley, Cabazon and other surrounding areas; and,

WHEREAS, multiple structures have been destroyed and the fire's proximity poses severe and imminent threat to numerous residents and commercial property within these communities, as well as other communities, as a result of the Silver Fire; and,

WHEREAS, that the potential of the aforementioned 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 fourteen 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; and,

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that a copy of this proclamation be forwarded to the Governor of California with the request that he proclaim the existence of a State of Emergency throughout the impacted areas of Riverside County, and the Riverside County Board of Supervisors formally request California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) funding, and the Governor request a Presidential Declaration and to request Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Declaration.

Dated: August 08, 2013



Director of Emergency Services
County of Riverside