

**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

SUBMITTAL DATE:
September 17, 2014

SUBJECT: Declaration of Local Emergency in Riverside County due to severe storms, flash flooding, and potential "El Niño" conditions.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Ratify the Proclamation of Local Emergency by the Director of Emergency Services;
2. Adopt Resolution No. 2014-196 declaring a Local Emergency within Riverside County.

BACKGROUND:

Summary

Conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons, property and critical infrastructure have arisen within the county due to severe storms, flooding, and the potential ramifications that are likely to occur due to impending additional storms and potential for further storms related to existing "El Niño" conditions. 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 exists 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 No. 2014-196 declaring the Local Emergency and requesting state and federal assistance.

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

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost:	POLICY/CONSENT (per Exec. Office)
COST	\$	\$	\$	\$	Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NET COUNTY COST	\$	\$	\$	\$	

SOURCE OF FUNDS:

Budget Adjustment:

For Fiscal Year:

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

BY:

Tina Grande

County Executive Office Signature

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- A-30
- 4/5 Vote
- Positions Added
- Change Order

Prev. Agn. Ref.:

District: ALL

Agenda Number:

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FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY: Anita C. Willis 9-17-14
DATE

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Impact on Citizens and Businesses

Thousands of citizens and businesses have been impacted by the severe storms, flash flooding and the potential for further storms due to existing "El Niño" conditions. Citizen and business impacts include private property damage as well as damage to schools, government facilities, and roads. Several roads and highways in the Coachella Valley were impacted and closed for many hours due to mud and debris flows. Approximately 75 homes received minor damage from the storms.

SUPPLEMENTAL:

Additional Fiscal Information

n/a

1 RESOLUTION DECLARING THE EXISTENCE
2 OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY

3 Board of Supervisors

County of Riverside

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-196

8 **WHEREAS**, Government Code Section 8630 authorizes the Board of Supervisors to
9 proclaim the existence of a "local emergency"; and,

10 **WHEREAS**, Government Code Section 8558(c) defines such conditions as air
11 pollution, fire, flood, storm, epidemic, riot, drought, sudden and severe energy shortage, plant
12 or animal infestation or disease, the Governor's warning of an earthquake, or volcanic
13 prediction, or an earthquake or other conditions, other than conditions resulting from a labor
14 controversy, which conditions are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel,
15 equipment and facilities of that political subdivision and require the combined forces of other
16 political subdivisions to combat"; and,

17 **WHEREAS**, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons, property and critical
18 infrastructure which began on September 7, 2014, due to severe rainfall, flash flooding,
19 property damage, and the impending additional storms and El Niño conditions; and,

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

22 **WHEREAS**, State, Federal and local government resources have been called upon to
23 assist with the response and clean-up efforts; and,

24 **WHEREAS**, private property, public roads, public infrastructure, parks, tribal lands,
25 schools, and other special districts have all been impacted by the severe weather, rain, mud
26 and debris flows; and,

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

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY:  ERIC STOPHER
DATE: 9/17/14

1 **NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED** that a “local emergency” exists
2 throughout the County of Riverside; and,

3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that during the existence of said
4 emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the Director of Emergency Services and the
5 Office of Emergency Services of Riverside County shall be those prescribed by State law and
6 the ordinances, resolutions, and approved plans of the County of Riverside in order to mitigate
7 the effects of said emergency; and,

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

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

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

21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that a copy of this resolution be
22 forwarded to the Governor of California with the request that he proclaim the existence of a
23 State of Emergency throughout the impacted areas of Riverside County, to include State
24 Responsibility Areas (SRA) and Tribal Lands, and that the Governor request a Presidential
25 Disaster Declaration and/or a California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) and/or a Small
26 Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Declaration for the purposes of recovering response
27 costs; and,

1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that the Proclamation of Local
2 Emergency, by the Director of Emergency Services on September 16, 2014, is hereby ratified.

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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, severe storms and flash flooding occurred on September 7th and 8th, 2014, producing significant rainfall, flooding, and property damage, that has resulted in conditions of extreme peril threatening the safety of persons and property within the County of Riverside; and,

WHEREAS, due to impending additional storms and El Niño conditions, there exists a critical threat to life, property, communities, critical infrastructure and the environment; and,

WHEREAS, the potential ramifications that are likely to occur include flooding, mud and debris flows, road closures and impact to critical infrastructure; and,

WHEREAS, State, Federal and local government resources have been called upon to assist with the response and clean-up efforts; and,

WHEREAS, private property, public roads, public infrastructure, parks, tribal lands, schools, and other special districts have all been impacted by the severe weather, rain, mud and debris flows; and,

WHEREAS, the potential of the aforementioned conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the proclamation of a "Local Emergency".

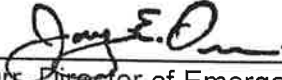
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a "Local Emergency" exists throughout the County of Riverside; and,

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 to request a Presidential Disaster Declaration and to request a Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Declaration.

Dated: September 16, 2014



Jay Orr, Director of Emergency Services
County of Riverside