

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
 BY: GREGORY P. PRIAMOS DATE 7/21/15

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



FROM: Riverside County Emergency Management Department

SUBMITTAL DATE:
 July 20, 2015

SUBJECT: Proclamation of Local Emergency in Riverside County due to the Effects of Hurricane Dolores.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:
 Adopt Resolution No. 2015-178 proclaiming a Local Emergency within Riverside County.

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The effects of Hurricane Dolores have caused significant rainfall, flooding, winds and mud and debris flow throughout the county. Precipitation amounts ranged from 0.55 to 6.7 inches, with the most severe rainfall occurring in the Desert Center area. Critical infrastructure has been damaged, including a bridge collapse on the I-10 which has resulted in the closure of the Interstate in both directions. Additional reports of infrastructure disruption include power outages and road closures.

It is requested that the Board of Supervisors adopt Resolution No. 2015-178 proclaiming the Local Emergency and requesting state assistance.

Kim Saruwatari
 Kim Saruwatari, Director
 Emergency Management
 Department

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost:	POLICY/CONSENT (per Exec. Office)
COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Policy <input type="checkbox"/>
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	

SOURCE OF FUNDS:	Budget Adjustment:
	For Fiscal Year: 2015/2016

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE
 BY: *Jay E Orr*
 County Executive Office Signature

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FORM 11: Declaration of Local Emergency in Riverside County due to the Dolores Storm.

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Impact on Citizens and Businesses

The collapse of the Tex Wash overcrossing has caused a major disruption to transportation. The closure impacts travelers and Riverside County commerce that are heavily reliant on the Interstate 10 corridor for tourism, trade and transport. Residents and businesses have experienced road closures, loss of utilities, mud and debris flows.

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3 RESOLUTION NO. 2015-178

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5 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
6 THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE DECLARING THE EXISTANCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY

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

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

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17 **WHEREAS**, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons, property and critical
18 infrastructure which began on July 18, 2015, and continued through July 20, 2015, due to significant
19 rainfall, flooding, mud and debris flows, severe winds, road closures, damage to utilities, local businesses,
20 critical public and private infrastructure to include collapse of a bridge on to a major thoroughfare, that
21 have resulted in conditions of extreme peril threatening the safety of persons and property within the
22 County of Riverside; and,

23 **WHEREAS**, the collapse of the Tex Wash overcrossing has caused a major disruption of the
transportation infrastructure due to the closure of a major interstate; and the closure impacts travelers and
Riverside County commerce that are heavily reliant on the Interstate 10 corridor for tourism, trade and
transport; and,

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1 **WHEREAS**, the disruption of infrastructure has severely impacted commuters and commerce due
2 to the higher cost of fuel created by long detours; and potential negative impacts exist for surrounding
3 Counties due to increased traffic and damage caused by excessive use of commercial vehicles on
4 transportation corridors throughout communities; and,

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

7 **WHEREAS**, the County of Riverside is working with State, Federal and local government
8 resources to assist with response and clean-up efforts; and,

9 **WHEREAS**, private property, public roads, public infrastructure, and school districts have all
10 been impacted by the severe weather, rain, mud and debris flows; and,

11 **WHEREAS**, the aforementioned conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the
12 proclamation of a “local emergency”.

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

15 **BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND REQUESTED** that the Governor of California put in
16 place contract incentives that could assist in the expedited process to rebuild the collapsed section of the
17 Interstate 10 and the Tex Wash overcrossing; and,

18 **BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND REQUESTED** that the Governor of California direct
19 State Agencies to expedite any permitting process, as required; and

20 **BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that during the existence of said
21 emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the Director of Emergency Services and the Office of
22 Emergency Services of Riverside County shall be those prescribed by State law and the ordinances,
23 resolutions, and approved plans of the County of Riverside in order to mitigate the effects of said
24 emergency; and,

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1 **BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that all County officials and employees
2 cooperate and coordinate efforts with officials and employees of other political subdivisions and officials
3 and employees of the state and federal government in bringing the present condition of local emergency
4 and disaster under control; and

5 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that within the next thirty (30) days a report
6 on the most recent conditions of emergency and disaster be presented to this Board of Supervisors so that
7 this Board may determine whether conditions of emergency and disaster still exist; and,

8 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to
9 the Governor of California with the request that he proclaim the existence of a State of Emergency
10 throughout the impacted areas of Riverside County.
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