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



FROM: Supervisors John J. Benoit and Jeff Stone

SUBJECT: Ratify the Proclamation of Local Emergency Resolution #2013-201

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1. Ratify the Proclamation of Local Emergency by the Director of Emergency Services; and.
- 2. Adopt Resolution 2013-201, declaring a Local Emergency within Riverside County.

BACKGROUND: The severe fire in the San Jacinto Mountains has endangered the safety of people and property in Riverside County, impacting the communities of Idyllwild, Trails End, Mountain Center, Bonita Vista, Apple Canyon, Pine Springs Ranch, Garner Valley and Lake Hemet. The Director of Emergency Services proclaimed a Local Emergency in Riverside County on July 18, when the Board of Supervisors was not in session. It is requested that the Board of Supervisors ratify this Proclamation of a Local Emergency by the Director of Emergency Services and adopt Resolution 2013-201, 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.

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Consent	Consent					

Supervisor John J. Benoit, 4th District

Departmental Concurrence

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Benoit, seconded by Supervisor Stone and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes:

Jeffries, Tavaglione, Stone, Benoit and Ashley

Nays:

None None

Absent: Date:

July 30, 2013

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Supvr. Benoit, Supvr. Stone, Fire-OES

Kecia Harper-Ihem
Clerk of the Board
By:

Deputy

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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. 2013-201

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 July 15, 2013, due to a major wildfire within the County of Riverside, caused by severe fire in the San Jacinto mountains, impacting the communities of Idyllwild, Trails End, Mountain Center, Bonita Vista, Apple Canyon, Pine Springs Ranch, Garner Valley, Lake Hemet and surrounding communities; 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,

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severe and imminent threat to 3,000 residents and commercial property within these communities, as well as other communities, as a result of the Mountain Fire; and,

WHEREAS, evacuation orders have been issued for the towns of Idyllwild, Apple Canyon, Bonita Vista, Trails End and other surrounding areas; and,

WHEREAS, over 19 structures have been destroyed and the fire's proximity poses

WHEREAS, 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,

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

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor of California with the request that he proclaim the existence of a State of Emergency throughout Riverside County and that the Governor request a

Presidential Declaration and/or a California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) and/or a Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Declaration for the purposes of recovering response costs. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Jeffries, Tavaglione, Stone, Benoit and Ashley Nays: None Absent: None The foregoing is certified to be a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by said Board of Supervisors on the date therein set forth. KECIA HARPER-IHEM, Clerk of said Board Deputy

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 San Jacinto mountains, impacting the communities of Idyllwild, Trails End, Mountain Center, Bonita Vista, Apple Canyon, Pine Springs Ranch, Garner Valley, Lake Hemet and surrounding communities; 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,

WHEREAS, evacuation orders have been issued for the towns of Idyllwild, Apple Canyon, Bonita Vista, Trails End and other surrounding areas; and,

WHEREAS, over 19 structures have been destroyed and the fire's proximity poses severe and imminent threat to 3,000 residents and commercial property within these communities, as well as other communities, as a result of the Mountain 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) declaration.

Dated: July 25, 2013

Director of Emergency Services

County of Riverside