

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



FROM: Supervisors John J. Benoit and Jeff Stone

SUBMITTAL DATE:
July 25, 2013

SUBJECT: Ratify the Proclamation of Local Emergency Resolution #2013-205

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Ratify the Proclamation of Local Emergency by the Director of Emergency Services; and,
2. Adopt Resolution 2013-205, 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, threatening the communities of Idyllwild, Trails End, Mountain Center, Bonita Vista, Apple Canyon, Pine Springs Ranch, Garner Valley and Lake Hemet with potential flooding and debris flow. 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 2013-205, 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.

John J. Benoit
Supervisor John J. Benoit, 4th District

Jeff Stone
Supervisor Jeff Stone, 3rd District

Departmental Concurrence

Consent
 Consent

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Ashley, 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
 Absent: None
 Date: July 30, 2013
 xc: Supvr. Benoit, Supvr. Stone, Fire-OES

Kecia Harper-Ihem
 Clerk of the Board
 By: *Kecia Harper-Ihem*
 Deputy

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

Prev. Agn. Ref.:

District: 3,4

Agenda Number:

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1 **WHEREAS**, the potential ramifications that are likely to occur include flooding, mud
2 and debris flows, road closures and evacuations of critical facilities and citizens; and,

3 **WHEREAS**, these affects will not only impact the burn areas, but the adjoining area
4 of Palm Springs, the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians land, the flood control
5 channels of the Tahquitz Dam and Outlet Channel, the Palm Canyon Wash and
6 surrounding areas; and,

7 **WHEREAS**, the aforementioned conditions of extreme peril warrant and
8 necessitate the Proclamation of a "Local Emergency".

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

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

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

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

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

29 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that a copy of this resolution be
30 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

1 Presidential Declaration and/or a California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) and/or a
2 Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Declaration for the purposes of recovering
3 response costs.
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6 ROLL CALL:

7 Ayes: Jeffries, Tavaglione, Stone, Benoit and Ashley
8 Nays: None
9 Absent: None

10 The foregoing is certified to be a true copy of a resolution duly
11 adopted by said Board of Supervisors on the date therein set forth.

12 KECIA HARPER-IHEM, Clerk of said Board

13 By _____
14 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, severe devastation occurred to the areas of San Jacinto as a result of the Mountain Fire that started on July 15, 2013; and;

WHEREAS, recent and potential future damage resulting from the fire has set prime groundwork for the formation of extensive mud and debris flows throughout the area; and,

WHEREAS, substantial amounts of rainfall in the fire-damaged areas can produce conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property that are likely to occur within the County of Riverside during the next three to five years; and,

WHEREAS, the potential ramifications that are likely to occur include flooding, mud and debris flows, road closures and evacuations of critical facilities and citizens; and,

WHEREAS, these affects will not only impact the burn areas, but the adjoining area of Palm Springs and Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians land, the flood control channels of the Tahquitz Dam and Outlet Channel, Palm Canyon Wash, and surrounding areas; and,

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

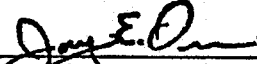
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a "Local Emergency" exists throughout the County of Riverside; and,

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 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 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