

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

On motion of Supervisor Jeffries, seconded by Supervisor Ashley and duly carried,
IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as amended to include the
September 16, 2014 storm to the Declaration of Local Emergency.

Ayes: Jeffries, Tavaglione, Stone and Ashley
Nays: None
Absent: Benoit
Date: September 23, 2014
xc: Fire-OES

Kecia Harper-Ihem
Clerk of the Board
By:
Deputy

Prev. Agn. Ref.:

District: ALL

Agenda Number:

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FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY:
ANITA C. WILLIS
DATE: 9-17-14

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☐ 4/5 Vote
☐ Change Order

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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

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FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY:  ERIC STOPHER
DATE 9/23/14

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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. 2014-196

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 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, property and critical infrastructure which began on September 7, 2014, and continued through September 16, 2014, due to severe rainfall, flash flooding, property damage, and the impending additional storms and "El Niño" conditions; 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 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,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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7 ROLL CALL:

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

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 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".

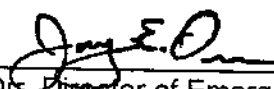
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a "Local Emergency" exists throughout the County of Riverside; and,

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 O., Director of Emergency Services
County of Riverside