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



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MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

FROM: SUPERVISOR KEVIN JEFFRIES:

SUBJECT: SUPERVISOR KEVIN JEFFRIES: Adopt Resolution No. 2018-234 Proclaiming

Existence of Local Emergency due to December Weather Event.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2018-234 proclaiming the existence of a local emergency due to the December 2018 weather event.

ACTION:

Supervisor Kevin Jeffries, Vice Chairman

12/7/2018

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Ayes:

Jeffries, Tavaglione, Washington, Perez and Ashley

Nays:

None

Absent: Date:

None

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year;		Next Fiscal Year:		Total Cost:			Ongoing Cost		
COST	\$	N/A	\$	N/A		\$	N/A		\$	N/A
NET COUNTY COST	\$	N/A	\$	N/A		\$	N/A		\$	N/A
SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A						Budget Adjustment: No				
						For Fiscal Year: 18/19				

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The Cranston and the Holy Fires occurred in July and August 2018 leaving the San Jacinto and Santa Ana mountain ranges with more than 36,000 acres of burned watershed. This condition has left communities below the burn areas vulnerable to flooding, mud and debris flows during storm events. The Board of Supervisors approved the on-going emergency proclamations for both the Cranston Fire and Holy Fire at the December 4, 2018 meeting.

Resolution No. 2018-234 is asking the Board of Supervisors to proclaim existence of a local emergency due to an intense winter storm that delivered rainfall over the Holy Fire burn area on December 5-6, 2018. The storm caused flooding, mud and debris flows, which in turn caused the evacuation of residents, road closures, damage to property and critical infrastructure and necessitated the rescue of residents to protect their lives and safety. Despite extensive mitigation efforts taken by the County and City of Lake Elsinore prior to the storms arrival, the intensity of the storm has left streets, residential and commercial properties and critical flood control infrastructure loaded with mud and debris which must be cleared before arrival of the next storm. Damage assessments are on-going with preliminary cost estimates already exceeding 4 million dollars.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

Residents and businesses in close proximity to the burn areas will be impacted for several years and must remain informed and alert as to the dangers of debris flows and their unpredictable nature.

ATTACHMENT:

Resolution No. 2018-234 Proclaiming Existence of Local Emergency

VED COUNTY COUNSEL

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-234

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE PROCLAIMING EXISTENCE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

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 require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat;" and

WHEREAS, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons, property and cri infrastructure which began on the 5th day of December, 2018 and continued through the night of th day of December, 2018, due to a weather event the severity of which caused flooding, debris and flows, the mandatory evacuation of residents, the closure of schools and roads, the rescue of resid whose life and safety were in peril and damage to residential properties; and

WHEREAS, the severity of the mud, debris flow and flooding are a direct consequence the Cranston and Holy Fires which created large burn areas in July and August, 2018; and

WHEREAS, there exists an imminent threat to life, property, critical infrastructure and environment; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Riverside is working with State, Federal and local governmesources to assist with response; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate 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 emergency, the powers, functions and duties of the Director of Emergency Services and the Emergency Management Department 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

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED 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

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that within the next thirty (30) 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

IT IS 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 the impacted areas of Riverside County.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes:

Jeffries, Tavaglione, Washington, Perez 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-IHEMA Clerk of said Board
By Deputy