

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



ITEM
3.18
(ID # 9156)

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

FROM : EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT:

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT: Ratify Proclamation of Local
Emergency in Riverside County due to the Severe Weather Conditions.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2019-055 to ratify the proclamation of Local Emergency as
declared by the Director of Emergency Services.

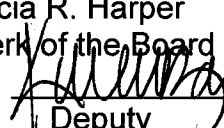
ACTION: Policy


Bruce Barton, EMD Director 2/20/2019

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: February 26, 2019
xc: EMD

Kecia R. Harper
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

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

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The local emergency began due to an intense winter storm that delivered extreme amounts of rainfall over the Riverside County Operational Area including the Canyon 1, Holy Fire, and Cranston Burn areas beginning February 13, 2019. 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 include numerous swift water resources. At the beginning of the incident, 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 in Riverside County. It is requested that the Board of Supervisors adopt Resolution No. 2019-055 to ratify the Proclamation of Local Emergency as declared by the Director of Emergency Services.

A copy of the proclamation is to 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 that the Riverside County Director of Emergency Services and Board of Supervisors are formally requesting Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) funding.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

Approximately 16,700 County residents were evacuated from their homes or required to shelter in place and were at high risk of injury, death, or loss of property due to mud and debris flows from the Canyon 1, Cranston, and Holy Burn Scar areas. The County has implemented emergency measures to protect the public by controlling traffic and prohibiting ingress and egress into affected areas due to conditions considered dangerous to lives and property.

The Proclamation of Local Emergency begins the process to receive resources for assistance to first responders, residents and others impacted by the winter storm.


Melissa Noone, Associate Management Analyst

2/20/2019


Gregory V. Priaplos, Director County Counsel

2/20/2019

1 Board of Supervisors

County of Riverside

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3 RESOLUTION NO. 2019-055

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5 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
6 THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE RATIFYING THE EXISTENCE OF A
7 LOCAL EMERGENCY

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9 WHEREAS, County Ordinance No. 533 empowers the Director of Emergency Services of
10 the County of Riverside to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a Local Emergency when the
11 County is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the County Board of Supervisors is not
12 in session. Subject to the ratification by the County Board of Supervisors within seven (7) days; and

13 WHEREAS, conditions of extreme peril to safety of persons and property have arisen
14 within this County, caused by the extreme weather conditions throughout the County and in particular in
15 the Canyon, Holy Fire, and Cranston Burn areas commencing on the 13th day of February, 2019;

16 WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services of the County of Riverside did proclaim
17 the existence of a Local Emergency within said County on the 13th day of February, 2019;

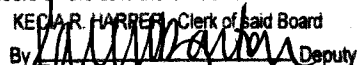
18 WHEREAS, A copy of the proclamation is to be forwarded to the Governor of California
19 with the request that he proclaim the existence of a State of Emergency throughout the impacted areas of
20 Riverside County, and that the Riverside County Director of Emergency Services and Board of
21 Supervisors are formally requesting Disaster Assistance Act (CDA) funding; now, therefore,

22 IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that the proclamation of a Local
23 Emergency by the Director of Emergency Services of the County of Riverside is hereby ratified, and that
24 said Local Emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the
25 County Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside.

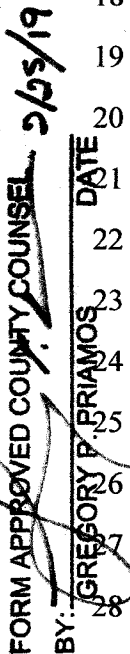
26 ROLL CALL:

27 Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt
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 R. HARPER, Clerk of said Board
By:  Deputy

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FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL 2/25/19
BY:  GREGORY P. BRIAMOS
DATE

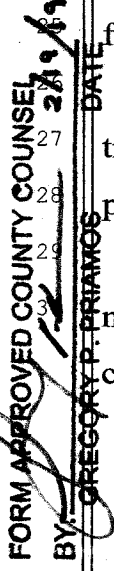
PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY
FOR THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, Riverside County Ordinance 533 empowers the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence of a Local Emergency when the County Board of Supervisors is not in session, and

WHEREAS, during a local emergency, the Director of Emergency Services or their designee may suspend any local County ordinance or law prescribing the procedure for conduct of County business, or the authority of any County agency or department, where the Director of Emergency Services determines would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay the mitigation of the effects of the emergency; establishing curfews to residents with the county or Operational Area in order to establish law and order; requesting supplemental assistance of Mutual Aid, State Disaster Funding – California Disaster Assistance Act (CDA), and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services finds:

- 1) That at the time of this proclamation the Board of Supervisors is not in session; and,
- 2) That conditions of imminent threat of impending emergency or disaster caused by natural forces exists, posing extreme peril, loss of life, safety of persons and property have arisen within the County of Riverside caused by major damage due to the Canyon 1, Cranston and Holy Fires and the recurring atmospheric river weather systems; and,
- 3) That a local emergency exists due to an intense winter storm that delivered extreme amounts of rainfall over the Riverside County Operational Area including the Canyon 1, Holy Fire and Cranston Burn areas beginning February 13, 2019. 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 include numerous swift water rescues, to protect their lives and safety; and,
- 4) That over approximately 16,700 County residents were evacuated from their homes or required to shelter in place and were at high risk of injury, death or loss of property due to mud and debris flows from the Canyon 1, Cranston and Holy Burn Scar areas; and
- 5) That the County has implemented emergency measures to protect the public by controlling traffic, prohibiting ingress and egress into affected areas due to conditions considered dangerous to lives and property; and,
- 6) That closures of over 100 major residential streets, county roads and state highways were necessary within the Operational Area including the evacuation zones, as well as severe damage to major city streets, County and Tribal roads and State routes 60, 74, 111 and 243; and,

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY:  GREGORY P. PRIMM
DATE: 2/19/19

1 7) That storm related road closures have isolated or limited access to the communities of
2 Idyllwild, Pine Cove, Mountain Center and other areas of the County which will result in severe economic
3 impact to those communities; and

4 8) That the need necessitated the establishing of emergency facilities, such as the activation of
5 several incident command posts, sheltering of individuals in Elsinore, Temescal Valley, Palm Springs, and
6 Corona, the collection and sheltering of family pets, and activations of City, County, School districts, and
7 State Regional Emergency Operations Centers; and,

8 9) That the aforesaid conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the proclamation of a
9 Local Emergency; now, therefore,


10 IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a Local Emergency exists throughout the County of Riverside,
11 commencing on or about the 13th day of February 2019; and,

12 IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said Local
13 Emergency, the powers, functions and duties of the Director of Emergency Services shall be those prescribed
14 by state law* and the ordinances, resolutions, and approved plan of the County of Riverside to mitigate the
15 effects of said Local Emergency, and

16 IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that said Local Emergency shall be deemed to
17 continue to exist for the next seven (7) days, and hereafter by ratification of the County Board of
18 Supervisors, until its termination is proclaimed by the County Board of Supervisors of the County of
19 Riverside, and

20 IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that a copy of this proclamation be forwarded to
21 the Governor of California with the request that he proclaim the existence of a State of Emergency
22 throughout the impacted areas of Riverside County, and that the Riverside County Director of Emergency
23 Services and Board of Supervisors are formally requesting California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA)
24 funding.

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27 Dated: 2/19/19


Director of Emergency Services
County of Riverside