

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



ITEM
3.9
(ID # 9409)

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, April 9, 2019


FROM : EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT:

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT: Introduction of Ordinance No. 533.7 Amending Ordinance No. 533, Providing for the Administration of the Emergency Management Organization for the County of Riverside; CEQA Exempt; Districts: All [\$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Find that Ordinance No. 533.7 is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (General Rule Exception);
2. Introduce, read title and waive further reading of, and adopt on successive weeks, Ordinance No. 533.7, Amending Ordinance No. 533 Providing for the Administration of the Emergency Management Organization for the County of Riverside;
3. Direct the Clerk of the Board to file the Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk for posting within five days of approval of this matter.

ACTION: Policy

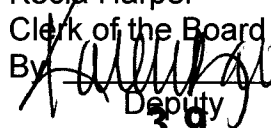

Bruce Barton, EMD Director 3/28/2019

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Perez, seconded by Supervisor Spiegel and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended and that the above Ordinance is approved as introduced with a waiver of reading.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt
Nays: None
Absent: None
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Kecia Harper
Clerk of the Board
By 
Deputy
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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A			Budget Adjustment:	No
			For Fiscal Year:	18/19

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

Riverside County Ordinance No. 533 provides for the administration of the Emergency Management Organization for the County of Riverside. The County Executive Officer serves as the Director of Emergency Services and is responsible for providing direction and control of the Riverside County Emergency Management Organization. Amending Ordinance No. 533 is necessary to reflect the changes in the law regarding the County's review of the need to continue the declaration of local emergency at least once every 60 days, instead of 30 days, until the Board terminates the local emergency. A change to Government Code Section 8630 became effective on January 1, 2019, which provides that when a county proclaims a local emergency, the governing body of that county shall review the need for continuing the local emergency at least once every 60 days (instead of every 30 days) until the governing body terminates the local emergency. Initiation of the amendment was approved by the Board of Supervisors during the March 12, 2019 Board meeting, item 3.17.

Ordinance No. 533.7 is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) as it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. The proposed ordinance amendment is to provide for a change in the law for emergency proclamations, specifically to increase the period of time required to continue the declaration of local emergency at least once every 60 days, instead of 30 days, until the Board terminates the local emergency. This is an administrative action to provide for procedures and coordination of efforts when an emergency occurs in the county.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

The purpose of Ordinance No. 533 is to provide for the coordination of disaster mitigation, preparation, response and recovery activities for the protection of persons and property within the County of Riverside. The amendment to the ordinance will update the frequency the County would review and determine whether continuation of a declaration of local emergency is necessary to every 60 days.

Additional Fiscal Information

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There are no additional administrative costs anticipated as the amendment to the ordinance would reconcile the ordinance, last updated by the Board of Supervisors on December 4, 2018 (item 3.29), with the current state legislation.


Melissa Noone, Associate Management Analyst

4/1/2019


Gregory V. Priamos, Director County Counsel

3/29/2019

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, 1400 Tenth Street, Room 222
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: Emergency Management Department
County of Riverside
4210 Riverwalk Parkway, Suite 300
Riverside, CA 92505

☒ County Clerk
County of Riverside
2724 Gateway Drive
Riverside, CA 92507

Project Title: Ordinance No. 533.7 - Amendment to Riverside County Ordinance No. 533 to provide for the administration of the Emergency Management Organization for the County of Riverside

Project Location – Specific: Not site specific.

Project location – City: N/A

Project Location – County: Riverside

Project Description:

Ordinance No. 533.7 amends Ordinance No. 533 in its entirety to add language to the ordinance pertaining to the framework provided for the administration of the Emergency Management Organization for the County of Riverside and to reflect the changes in this organization and the County's Emergency Management Program. The ordinance includes definitions contained in the California Emergency Services Act (Government Code Sections 8550, et seq.) as well as elements and functions of the Emergency Management Organization, Disaster Council, Director of Emergency Services, County Emergency Management Department, Director of the Emergency Management Department, and the Riverside County Operational Area. Guidance is provided for powers of succession, orders of members, continuity of government, emergency proclamations, powers and authority of the County Health Officer, penalties, and severability.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Riverside, Emergency Management Department

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: County of Riverside, Emergency Management Department

Exempt Status: (check one)

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. Sec. 15061(b)(3) – Common Sense Exemption;
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions;

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA specifically by the State CEQA Guidelines as identified below. The project will not result in any specific or general exceptions to the use of the categorical exemptions as detailed under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2. The project will not cause any impacts to scenic resources, historic resources, or unique sensitive environments. Further, no unusual circumstances or potential cumulative impacts would occur that may reasonably create an environmental impact. The project as proposed only includes an administrative action, to reflect the change in the law for the County administration of the County's Emergency Management Program; no environmental impacts are anticipated to occur.

- Section 15061 (b) (3) – Common Sense Exemption. Ordinance No. 533.7 is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) as it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. There is no specific development project connected with this proposed amendment and it does not commit the County to any development. The County's approval of the ordinance amendment does not cause any circumstances to significantly impact the environment or have negative cumulative impacts on the environment. The proposed ordinance amendment merely updates and reflects the changes in the law as it relates to the emergency proclamations by the Emergency Management Organization and under the County's

Emergency Management Program. This is an administrative action to provide for the timing procedures when an emergency declaration occurs in the county.

Based upon the identified exemptions above, The Emergency Management Department hereby concludes that no physical environmental impacts are anticipated to occur and the ordinance amendment as proposed is exempt under CEQA. No further environmental analysis is warranted.

Lead Agency

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Title: _____

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

☐ Signed by Applicant