

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



**ITEM: 3.23
(ID # 11282)**

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, November 5, 2019

FROM : EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT:

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT: Ratify Proclamation of Local
Emergency in Riverside County due to the October 30, 2019 Fires and Public
Safety Power Shutoff Incidents

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2019-243 to ratify the proclamation of Local Emergency as
declared by the Director of Emergency Services.

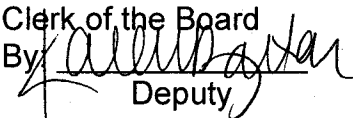
ACTION:


Bruce Barton, EMD Director 10/31/2019

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.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: November 5, 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: 19/20	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: [CEO use]

BACKGROUND:

Summary

Red flag warning for critical fire conditions began on October 29, 2019, prompting possible Public Safety Power Shutoffs in different areas of Riverside County and throughout California. The County/Operational Area Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was activated to monitor the impacts of possible wide-spread power shut-offs and coordinate support efforts for public safety response. In preparation for the dangerous fire conditions, the Riverside County Fire Department and partner public safety agencies augmented resources across the County. During the day of October 30th, due to the extreme winds and dry conditions, several fires broke out, impacting numerous communities across Western Riverside County. Evacuation orders were issued for the communities of Nuevo, Jurupa Valley and other surrounding areas. These conditions of extreme peril necessitated the proclamation of a local emergency by the Director of Emergency Services, as the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside was not in session. It is requested that the Board of Supervisors adopt Resolution No. 2019-243 to ratify the Proclamation of Local Emergency as declared by the Director of Emergency Services.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

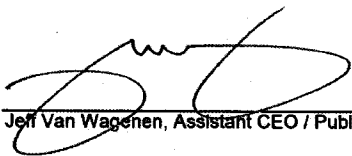
Many residents of Western Riverside County have been impacted by the Water, Hill and 46 fire incidents. The ongoing fire and aftermath will necessitate resources from both State and local entities. The Proclamation of Local Emergency begins the process to receive resources for assistance to first responders, residents and others impacted by the fire.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution No. 2019-243 Ratify Existence of Local Emergency

Proclamation of Local Emergency by the Director of Emergency Services, October 31, 2019

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Jeff Van Wageningen, Assistant CEO / Public Safety 10/31/2019



Gregory V. Priamos, Director County Counsel 10/31/2019

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3 RESOLUTION NO. 2019 - 243

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

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

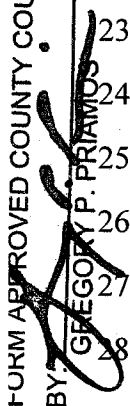
12 WHEREAS, conditions of extreme peril to safety of persons and property have arisen
13 within this County, caused by the Water, Hill and 46 Fire incidents, which have impacted numerous
14 communities across Western Riverside County commencing on or about 7:00 a.m. on the 30th day of
15 October, 2019; and

16 WHEREAS, evacuation orders have been issued for the communities of Nuevo, Jurupa
17 Valley and other surrounding areas and the fires caused property damage, displacement of residents and
18 the evacuation of medical facilities; and

19 WHEREAS, in response to the extreme fire conditions and associated high winds,
20 Southern California Edison (SCE) has initiated wide-spread, multi-day Public Safety Power Shut-Offs
21 (PSPS) further impacting County residents, businesses and visitors; and

22 WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services of the County of Riverside did proclaim
23 the existence of a Local Emergency within said County on the 31st day of October, 2019; now, therefore,

24 IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that the proclamation of a Local
25 Emergency by the Director of Emergency Services of the County of Riverside is hereby ratified, and that
26 said Local Emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the
27 County Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside.
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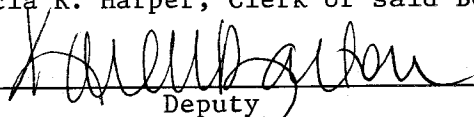
FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY: 
DATE: 10/31/2019
GREGORY P. PRIAMUS

1 IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that a copy of this proclamation be
2 forwarded to the Governor of California with the request that he proclaim the existence of a State of
3 Emergency throughout the impacted areas of Riverside County and provide or request all eligible State
4 and Federal financial assistance to the County and impacted local jurisdictions.

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7 ROLL CALL:

8 Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt
9 Nays: None
10 Absent: None

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

13 Kecia R. Harper, Clerk of said Board
14 By  Deputy

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
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PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY
BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

WHEREAS, Ordinance 533.7 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, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the County of Riverside caused by the Water, Hill and 46 Fire incidents, which have impacted numerous communities across Western Riverside County; and;

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

WHEREAS, State and local government resources have been called upon to assist in fire suppression and structure protection efforts; and,

WHEREAS, evacuation orders have been issued for the communities of Nuevo, Jurupa Valley and other surrounding areas; and,

WHEREAS, the Water, Hill and 46 Fires caused property damage, displacement of residents and the evacuation of medical facilities; and,

WHEREAS, proximity of the fires poses severe and imminent threat to numerous residents and commercial property within these communities, as well as other communities; and,

WHEREAS, In response to the extreme fire conditions and associated high winds, Southern California Edison (SCE) has initiated wide spread, multi day Public Safety Power Shut-Offs (PSPS) further impacting County residents, businesses and visitors; and

WHEREAS, that 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 (7) 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 provide or request all eligible State and Federal financial assistance to the County and impacted local jurisdictions.

Dated: October 31, 2019


Director of Emergency Services
County of Riverside

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL

BY:  GREGORY P. PRIAMOS DATE 10/31/2019