

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



ITEM: 3.5
(ID # 14860)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, March 30, 2021

FROM : EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT:

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT: Ratify Proclamation of Local Emergency in Riverside County due to Windstorm.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2021-064 to ratify existence of a Local Emergency in support of the Imperial Irrigation District (IID) and the City of Indio.

ACTION:Policy


Bruce Barton, EMD Director 3/24/2021

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Perez, seconded by Supervisor Washington 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: March 30, 2021
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: 20/21	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

BACKGROUND:

Summary

On Monday, March 15, 2021, a powerful windstorm producing exceptionally high winds caused extreme peril to the safety of person and property within Imperial Irrigation District’s (IID) service territory located in the County of Riverside. The windstorm caused damage to the district’s energy infrastructure and other property including various transmission towers and distribution poles.

The district’s Supervisor of its Office of Emergency Management proclaimed the existence of a state of emergency on March 18, 2021. This proclamation was ratified by the IID Board of Director’s by resolution dated March 22, 2021. The Director of Emergency Services for the City of Indio proclaimed the existence of a local emergency as damaged IID property is located within the bounds of the IID’s service territory in the City of Indio. Further action was then requested of the County to proclaim that a “Local Emergency” exists in Riverside County. It is requested that the Board of Supervisors adopt Resolution No. 2021-064 to ratify the Proclamation of Local Emergency in support of the Imperial Irrigation District and the City of Indio.

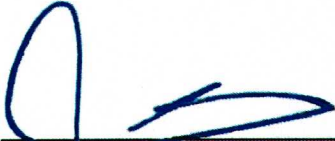
A copy of the proclamation is to be forwarded to the Governor of California with the request that he proclaim the existence of a State of Emergency throughout the impacted area of Riverside County. The Riverside County Director of Emergency Services and Board of Supervisors are not requesting Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) funding.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

The damage that resulted from the windstorm caused the loss of electric utility service to approximately 1,000 district rate-payers. Multiple items within the district’s electric system have sustained significant damage resulting from the windstorm and are currently being assessed by district personnel and will be incorporated into a comprehensive schedule of repairs.

The Proclamation of Local Emergency provides eligibility for the district to request California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) funding. The City of Indio is not requesting CDAA funding.

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Juan C. Perez, Interim County Executive Officer

3/24/2021



Gregory V. Priapos, Director County Counsel

3/24/2021

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3 RESOLUTION NO. 2021- 064

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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 a powerful windstorm commencing on or about 5:00 p.m. on the 15th day of
14 March 2021; and

15 WHEREAS, the Imperial Irrigation District (IID) has proclaimed the existence of a local
16 emergency on the 18th day of March 2021, caused by exceptionally high winds damaging the district
17 energy infrastructure and other property, including 18 transmission poles and lines and associated
distribution under-build circuits associated with the districts "CS" and CD" Transmission Lines, causing
the loss of electric utility service to over one thousand IID ratepayers located in the County of Riverside;
and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services for the City of Indio has proclaimed the
existence of a local emergency on the 22nd day of March 2021, caused by damages to IID energy
infrastructure resulting in the loss of electric utility services to over one thousand IID ratepayers located in
Indio, California, in the County of Riverside; and

WHEREAS, the Imperial Irrigation District is formally requesting California Disaster
Assistance Act (CDA) funding; and

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FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY: GREGORY B. PRINCE DATE: 3/24/21

1 WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services of the County of Riverside did proclaim
2 the existence of a Local Emergency, on behalf of the Imperial Irrigation District and the City of Indio,
3 within said County on the 23rd day of March 2021; now, therefore,

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

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10 ROLL CALL:

11 Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt
12 Nays: None
13 Absent: None

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

17 Kecia R. Harper, Clerk of said Board

18 By 
19 Deputy

1 PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY
2 FOR THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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4 WHEREAS, Riverside County Ordinance No. 533 empowers the Director of Emergency
5 Services to proclaim the existence of a Local Emergency when the County Board of Supervisors is not in
6 session, and

7 WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services finds:

8 (1) That at the time of this proclamation the County Board of Supervisors is not in
9 session; and

10 (2) That conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen
11 within the County of Riverside which began on Monday, March 15, 2021, caused by a powerful
12 windstorm event producing exceptionally high winds within Imperial Irrigation District's service territory
13 located in the County of Riverside; and

14 (3) That the Imperial Irrigation District (IID) has proclaimed a local emergency due to
15 the damage incurred to their energy infrastructure and other property, including 18 transmission poles and
16 lines and associated distribution under-build circuits associated with the districts "CS" and "CD"
17 Transmission Lines, causing loss of electric utility service to over one thousand IID ratepayers in
18 Riverside County; and

19 (4) That the City of Indio has proclaimed a local emergency due to the loss of electric
20 utility services to over a thousand IID ratepayers located in the City of Indio, California, in the County of
21 Riverside; and now, therefore,

22 IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that, on behalf of the City of Indio and the Imperial
23 Irrigation District, the County of Riverside Director of Emergency Services proclaims a Local Emergency
24 exists throughout the impacted areas of the County of Riverside, commencing on or about 5:00 p.m. of
25 the 15th day of March 2021, and

26 IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said Local
27 Emergency, the powers, functions and duties of the Director of Emergency Services shall be those

1 prescribed by state law and the ordinances, resolutions, and approved plan of the County of Riverside in
2 order to mitigate the effects of said Local Emergency, and

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

7 IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that the Imperial Irrigation District is
8 requesting California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) funding, and

9 IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that the City of Indio and the County
10 of Riverside are not requesting California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) funding.

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12 Dated: 3/24/21

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15 Director of Emergency Services
16 County of Riverside

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FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY:  GREGORY P. PRIMOS
DATE: 3/24/21



**IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 13-2021**

**ADOPTING PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY
WITHIN IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT'S RIVERSIDE COUNTY SERVICE
TERRITORY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA: CITY OF INDIO**

WHEREAS, on Monday, March 15, 2021, at approximately 5:00 p.m., a powerful windstorm event producing exceptionally high winds struck the city of Indio and caused extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the city, which is located within the bounds of the Imperial Irrigation District's service territory in the County of Riverside;

WHEREAS, the windstorm damaged some of the district's energy infrastructure and other property located in the city, including 18 transmission poles and lines and associated distribution under-build circuits associated with the districts "CS" and "CD" Transmission Lines, causing the loss of electric utility service to well over one-thousand IID rate-payers. The damage resulting from the windstorm event is still being assessed by district personnel and will be incorporated into a comprehensive schedule of repairs to be performed;

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 8558(c) defines a "[l]ocal emergency" as "the duly proclaimed existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property . . . caused by conditions such as . . . [a] storm . . . [and/or] sudden and severe energy shortage . . . which are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of that political subdivision";

WHEREAS, the district's Office of Emergency Management Supervisor declared the existence of a "local emergency" in connection with the March 15, 2021 storm event on March 18, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of a resolution proclaiming the existence of a local emergency by the district's governing board is necessary to ratify and adopt the emergency proclamation of its Office of Emergency Management Supervisor on March 18, 2021. Such resolution will help to ensure the district's eligibility to receive reimbursement monies from the State of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services for repair and/or replacement of the district's electric infrastructure damaged in the windstorm.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that:

- 1) Imperial Irrigation District hereby finds that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within its Riverside County service territory, city of Indio, resulting from the March 15, 2021 windstorm event which are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the district, a political subdivision, as defined by Government Code Section 8557(b);
- 2) Imperial Irrigation District hereby ratifies the proclamation of its Office of Emergency Management Supervisor issued March 18, 2021 and hereby proclaims the existence of a local emergency within its Riverside County service territory, city of Indio, in connection with the March 15, 2021 windstorm;
- 3) Staff is directed to expedite and complete repair and/or replacement of the district's energy infrastructure damaged in the March 15, 2021 windstorm;
- 4) Staff is directed to document all hours worked, material utilized and vehicle usage associated with the district's response to the March 15, 2021 windstorm and to report that information to the district's Office of Emergency Management; and
- 5) The district's Office of Emergency Management is directed to execute all powers conferred upon it by any statute, by any agreement approved by the Imperial Irrigation District Board of Directors or by any other lawful authority to effect all necessary repairs and/or replacement of its electric infrastructure damaged in connection with the March 15, 2021 windstorm and to seek any and all reimbursement available through the State of California, Office of Emergency Services.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of March, 2021.

IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT



James C. Harbs

President

Reguel Najera

Secretary



PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY
FOR THE CITY OF INDIO, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

WHEREAS, City of Indio Municipal Ordinance 35.06(A) empowers the City Manager as the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when said city is affected or likely affected by a public calamity and the City Council is not in session, and:

WHEREAS, On Monday, March 15, 2021, at approximately 5:00 p.m., a powerful windstorm event producing exceptionally high winds struck the City of Indio and caused extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the City, which is located within the bounds of the Imperial Irrigation District's service territory in the City of Indio;

WHEREAS, The windstorm damaged some of the Imperial Irrigation District's energy infrastructure and other property located in the City, including 18 transmission poles and lines and associated distribution under-build circuits in the Indio area associated with the districts "CS" and "CD" Transmission Lines, causing the loss of electric utility service to well over one-thousand IID rate-payers. The damage resulting from the windstorm event is still being assessed by district personnel and will be incorporated into a comprehensive schedule of repairs to be performed;

WHEREAS, Imperial Irrigation District, responsible for providing energy to the City of Indio, has proclaimed a local emergency due to the severity of damage to their electrical infrastructure which is being assessed by district personnel;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that, on behalf of the Imperial Irrigation District, the City of Indio Director of Emergency Services proclaims a Local Emergency exists throughout the impacted area of the City, commencing on March 18, 2021 and these conditions warrant and necessitate that the City of Indio declare the existence of a local emergency.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND PROCLAIMED, that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the Director of Emergency Services shall be those prescribed by state law, by ordinances, and resolutions of the City; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that Imperial Irrigation District is requesting California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) funding, and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that the City of Indio is not

requesting California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) funding, and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED, that a copy of this Proclamation be forwarded to the Riverside County Emergency Management Department to be forwarded to the Director of the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services requesting that the Director find it acceptable in accordance with State law; that the Governor of California pursuant to the Emergency Services Act, issue a proclamation declaring an emergency in the City of Indio; that the Governor waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts; that response and recovery assistance be made available under the California Disaster Assistance Act; and that the State expedite access to State and Federal resources and any other appropriate federal disaster relief programs.

Dated: 3-22-21 Signed: Mark Scott
Mark Scott, Director of Emergency Services