

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



**ITEM: 3.25
(ID # 20060)**

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, September 13, 2022


FROM : EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT:

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT: Ratify Proclamation of Local Emergency in Riverside County due to the Fairview Fire Incident.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2022-187 to ratify the proclamation of Local Emergency as declared by the Director of Emergency Services.


ACTION:


Bruce Barton, EMD Director 9/8/2022

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Washington, seconded by Supervisor Perez 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: September 13, 2022
xc: EMD

Kecia R. Harper
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

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

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:	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

BACKGROUND:

Summary near the

The Fairview Fire began Monday afternoon, September 5, 2022, at Bautista Road and Fairview Avenue in the unincorporated County area of Hemet. Conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons, property, and critical infrastructure have necessitated the mandatory evacuation for part of the City of Hemet and contiguous unincorporated areas of the County impacting more than 12,000 residents. 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. 2022-187 to ratify the Proclamation of Local Emergency as declared by the Director of Emergency Services.

Federal, state, and local government resources have been called upon to assist in fire suppression and structure protection efforts. Riverside County Fire Department has secured approval of a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) to support response efforts.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

Thousands of residents have been impacted by the fire, having to evacuate the area. 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.



Juan C. Perez, Chief Operating Officer

9/8/2022



Minnie C. Chan, County Counsel

9/8/2022

3 RESOLUTION NO. 2022-187

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

8 WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 533 empowers the Director of Emergency Services of the
9 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 Fairview Fire Incident, which commenced on or about September 5,
14 2022, at 2000 hours.

15 WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services of the County of Riverside did proclaim
16 the existence of a Local Emergency within said County on the 7th day of September; now, therefore,

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


21 ROLL CALL:

22 Ayes: Spiegel, Jeffries, Washington, Perez and Hewitt
23 Nays: None
24 Absent: None
25 Abstained: None

26 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.

27 Kecia R. Harper, Clerk of said Board

By 
Deputy

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY:  MELISSA R. CUSHMAN
DATE: 9/8/2022

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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 Fairview Fire incident, which is impacting numerous communities across Southwestern Riverside County; and;

WHEREAS, the Fairview Fire has destroyed or damaged residential structures causing loss of life and displacement of residents; and,

WHEREAS, evacuation orders have been issued for part of the City of Hemet and contiguous unincorporated areas of the County impacting more than 12,000 residents; and,

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

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

WHEREAS, the Riverside County Fire Department has secured approval of a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) to support response efforts; 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: September 7, 2022



Director of Emergency Services
County of Riverside