

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



**ITEM: 1.1**  
**(ID # 22880)**

**MEETING DATE:**  
Monday, August 28, 2023


**FROM :** EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT:

**SUBJECT:** EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT: Ratify Proclamation of Local  
Emergency in Riverside County due Hurricane Hilary. All Districts. [\$0]

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2023-244 to ratify the proclamation of Local Emergency as declared by the Director of Emergency Services.

**ACTION:**

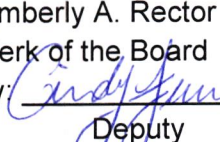
  
Bruce Barton, EMD Director 8/23/2023

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Perez, Washington, and Gutierrez  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: August 28, 2023  
xc: EMD

Kimberly A. Rector  
Clerk of the Board  
By:   
Deputy

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A</b>			<b>Budget Adjustment:</b>	<b>No</b>
			<b>For Fiscal Year:</b>	23/24

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

The National Weather Service issued a Tropical Storm Warning and a series of Flood Watches on August 18, 2023 warning of conditions of damage and extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the County of Riverside. The County began propositioning significant resources, including, but not limited to, swift water rescue teams, mass care resources, transportation crews, and flood control professionals. EMD also held a Countywide Coordination call with public safety, city, public works/utilities, school district, hospitals and other emergency management partners to prepare for the storms. The burn scars from the Apple/El Dorado, Fairview, Bonny, Reche, and Sunset fires created conditions of dangerous and potentially catastrophic flooding, mudslides and debris flows necessitating the issuance of evacuations to communities below the burn scar areas.

A significant micro-burst event on August 18, 2023, that impacted the Thermal/Mecca area, toppled 50 Imperial District Power poles causing a power outage to approximately 700 customers. A shelter was established at Desert Mirage High school for residents impacted by that event and subsequent power outages that impacted the area. The storm system driven by Hurricane Hilary caused major flooding, mudflows, road closures and damage to critical infrastructures across the County of Riverside and may continue to cause damage that will create great economic burden on effected communities.

On August 19, 2023, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a State of Emergency in response to the extreme weather-related events resulting from Hurricane Hilary. The Cities of Calimesa, La Quinta, Palm Desert, Indio, Indian Wells, and Desert Hot Springs, as well as the Morongo Band of Mission Indians, among others, have submitted local proclamations of emergency to the County of Riverside to forward to the State.

It is requested that the Board of Supervisors adopt Resolution No. 2023-244 to ratify the Proclamation of Local Emergency as declared by the Director of Emergency Services.

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**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

Riverside County Operational Area has requested assistance from the State of California to meet current and potential additional needs.

*Rebecca S Cortez*  
Rebecca S Cortez, Principal Management Analyst 8/23/2023

*Kelly Moran*  
Kelly Moran, Deputy County Counsel 8/23/2023

1 Board of Supervisors

County of Riverside

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3 RESOLUTION NO. 2023-244

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

12 WHEREAS, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within  
13 the County of Riverside caused by the storm system driven by Hurricane Hilary; and,

14 WHEREAS, burn scars from the Apple/El Dorado, Fairview, Bonny, Reche, and Sunset fires  
15 create conditions of dangerous and potentially catastrophic flooding, mudslides and debris flows  
16 necessitating the issuance of evacuations to communities below the burn scar areas; and


17 WHEREAS, the storm system driven by Hurricane Hilary is causing major flooding, mudflows,  
18 road closures and damage to critical infrastructure across the County of Riverside and may continue to  
19 cause damage that will create great economic burden on effected communities;

20 WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a State of Emergency on August  
21 19, 2023, in response to the extreme weather-related events as a result of Hurricane Hilary; and

22 WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services of the County of Riverside did proclaim the  
23 existence of a Local Emergency within said County on the 21st day of August, now, therefore,

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

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FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL  
BY:  8.22.23  
DATE  
AARON C. GETTIS

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3 RESOLUTION NO. 2023-244

4 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

5 RATIFYING EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY

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7 ROLL CALL:

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9 Ayes: Jeffries, Washington, Spiegel, Perez and Gutierrez

10 Nays: None

11 Absent: None

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

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17 KIMBERLY A. RECTOR, Clerk of said Board

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19 By:  \_\_\_\_\_

20 Deputy

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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, the National Weather Service issued a Tropical Storm Warning on August 18, 2023 warning of conditions of damage and extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the County of Riverside;

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service issued a series of Flood Watches on August 18, 2023, warning of potential significant flooding in the County of Riverside between August 19, 2023 and August 22, 2023;

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service issued a series of Flash Flood Warnings August 19 and 20, 2023 for multiple areas within the County of Riverside;

WHEREAS, we began repositioning significant resources, including, but not limited to, swift water rescue teams, mass care resources, transportation crews, and flood control professionals;

WHEREAS, burn scars from the Apple/El Dorado, Fairview, Bonny, Reche, Sunset fires create conditions of dangerous and potentially catastrophic flooding, mudslides and debris flows necessitating the issuance of evacuations to communities below the burn scar areas; and

WHEREAS, the storm system driven by Hurricane Hilary is causing major flooding, mudflows, road closures and damage to critical infrastructure across the County of Riverside and may continue to cause damage that will create great economic burden on effected communities;

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a State of Emergency on August 19, 2023, in response to the extreme weather-related events as a result of Hurricane Hilary; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of La Quinta and Palm Desert have submitted local proclamations of emergency to the County of Riverside to forward to the State; and

WHEREAS, the potential of the aforementioned conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the proclamation of a "Local Emergency".

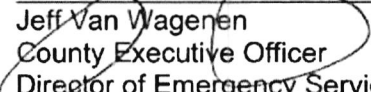
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a "Local Emergency" exists throughout the County of Riverside; and,

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 to provide and request all eligible State and Federal financial assistance to the County and impacted local jurisdictions.

Dated: August 21, 2023



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Jeff Van Wagenen  
County Executive Officer  
Director of Emergency Services  
County of Riverside



# Riverside County Board of Supervisors Request to Speak

Submit request to Clerk of Board (right of podium), Speakers are entitled to three (3) minutes, subject to Board Rules listed on the reverse side of this form.

SPEAKER'S NAME: Cynthia Cruz

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 8/28/23 Agenda # only item

### PLEASE STATE YOUR POSITION BELOW:

Position on "Regular" (non-appealed) Agenda Item:

\_\_\_\_\_ Support      Oppose \_\_\_\_\_ Neutral

**Note:** If you are here for an agenda item that is filed for "Appeal", please state separately your position on the appeal below:

\_\_\_\_\_ Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose \_\_\_\_\_ Neutral

I give my 3 minutes to: \_\_\_\_\_



# BOARD RULES

## **Requests to Address Board on "Agenda" Items:**

You may request to be heard on a published agenda item. Requests to be heard must be submitted to the Clerk of the Board before the scheduled meeting time.

## **Requests to Address Board on items that are "NOT" on the Agenda/Public Comment:**

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these rules, a member of the public shall have the right to address the Board during the mid-morning "Oral Communications" segment of the published agenda. Said purpose for address must pertain to issues which are under the direct jurisdiction of the Board of Supervisors. YOUR TIME WILL BE LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES. Donated time is not permitted during Public Comment.

## **Power Point Presentations/Printed Material:**

Speakers who intend to conduct a formalized Power Point presentation or provide printed material must notify the Clerk of the Board's Office by 12 noon on the Monday preceding the Tuesday Board meeting, insuring that the Clerk's Office has sufficient copies of all printed materials and at least one (1) copy of the Power Point CD. Copies of printed material given to the Clerk (by Monday noon deadline) will be provided to each Supervisor. If you have the need to use the overhead "Elmo" projector at the Board meeting, please ensure your material is clear and with proper contrast, notifying the Clerk well ahead of the meeting, of your intent to use the Elmo.

## **Individual Speaker Limits:**

Individual speakers are limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes. Please step up to the podium when the Chairman calls your name and begin speaking immediately. Pull the microphone to your mouth so that the Board, audience, and audio recording system hear you clearly. Once you start speaking, the "green" podium light will light. The "yellow" light will come on when you have one (1) minute remaining. When you have 30 seconds remaining, the "yellow" light will begin to flash, indicating you must quickly wrap up your comments. Your time is up when the "red" light flashes. The Chairman adheres to a strict three (3) minutes per speaker. *Note: If you intend to give your time to a "Group/Organized Presentation", please state so clearly at the very bottom of the reverse side of this form.*

## **Group/Organized Presentations:**

Group/organized presentations with more than one (1) speaker will be limited to nine (9) minutes at the Chairman's discretion. The organizer of the presentation will automatically receive the first three (3) minutes, with the remaining six (6) minutes relinquished by other speakers, as requested by them on a completed "Request to Speak" form, and clearly indicated at the bottom of the form.

## **Addressing the Board & Acknowledgement by Chairman:**

The Chairman will determine what order the speakers will address the Board, and will call on all speakers in pairs. The first speaker should immediately step to the podium and begin addressing the Board. The second speaker should take up a position in one of the chamber aisles in order to quickly step up to the podium after the preceding speaker. This is to afford an efficient and timely Board meeting, giving all attendees the opportunity to make their case. Speakers are prohibited from making personal attacks, and/or using coarse, crude, profane or vulgar language while speaking to the Board members, staff, the general public and/or meeting participants. Such behavior, at the discretion of the Board Chairman, may result in removal from the Board Chambers by Sheriff Deputies.