

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



**ITEM: 3.24
(ID # 25824)**

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, August 27, 2024


FROM : EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT: Approval of FY24 Unbudgeted Incident Response Report and Request for General Fund Support, All Districts. [\$202,382-General Fund 100%]. (4/5 Vote Required)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Receive and File the FY24 Unbudgeted Incident Response Report and Approve the Increase in Appropriations and Revenue using General Fund Contingency to cover the expenditures incurred by the Emergency Management Department.
2. Approve and direct the Auditor-Controller to make the budget adjustment as detailed in the attached Schedule A.

ACTION:4/5 Vote Required


Bruce Barton, EMD Director 8/19/2024

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 Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: August 27, 2024
xc: EMD

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board

By: 
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 202,382	\$ 0	\$ 202,382	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 202,382	\$ 0	\$ 202,382	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% General Fund Contingency			Budget Adjustment:	Yes
			For Fiscal Year:	23/24

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The County of Riverside Emergency Management Department (EMD) enhances the safety and security of the community by leading the efforts to mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies and disasters. In alignment with this effort, the Department maintains a constant state of readiness to activate and respond quickly once the need arises to prepare communities, disseminate public information, coordinate resources, and create situational awareness among response agencies and local jurisdictions. The Department responds to a variety of emergencies across the Operational Area throughout the year and incurs unprojectable costs related to those response efforts.

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Impact on Residents and Businesses

The response operations outlined above highlight the Department's role in ensuring community safety and security. It helps residents implement proactive actions for emergencies that minimize damage and loss, ultimately protecting lives and property. The incident response program additionally assists the Department in leading preparedness efforts ensuring that effective plans and communication strategies are in place before, during and after the emergency response.

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Additional Fiscal Information

The costs associated with the activation of the Emergency Operations Center and Incident Management Teams (\$398,334) includes EMD budgeted salaries as well as unanticipated and unbudgeted expenses. EMD is expected to receive State and Federal reimbursements for Hurricane Hilary. All other response operations did not meet thresholds for reimbursement by these funding sources and EMD is requesting general fund support for the unbudgeted balance amount of \$202,382.

ATTACHMENTS:

ATTACHMENT A: FY24 Unbudgeted Incident Response Report

SCHEDULE A

Anticipated use of Unassigned Fund Balance:

10000-2000100000-370100	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$202,382
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Increase Appropriation:

10000-2000100000-510420	Overtime	96,439
10000-2000100000-510500	Standby Pay	17,345
10000-2000100000-520705	Food	6,473
10000-2000100000-524700	County Counsel Legal Services	222
10000-2000100000-525320	Security Guard Services	525
10000-2000100000-526530	Rent-Lease Equipment	1,446
10000-2000100000-526531	Rent-Lease Heavy Equipment	79,680
10000-2000100000-527180	Operational Supplies	117
10000-2000100000-528980	Meals	63
10000-2000100000-529040	Private Mileage Reimbursement	72
	Total	\$202,382

Decrease Appropriations:

10000-1109000000-581000	Appropriations for Contingencies	\$202,382
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Increase in Unassigned Fund Balance:

10000-1109000000-370100	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$202,382
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8/20/2024

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Rebecca S Cortez, Principal Management Analyst

8/21/2024



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Summer Fires '23

The Summer Fire Incidents combined four separate fire events occurring between July

14 and July 17, 2023, into one operational response. These incidents included the Reche, Highland, Rabbit, and Gavilan Fire. Coordination and management of these fires involved establishing care and reception sites, issuing evacuation orders/warnings, and providing animal shelter services. This comprehensive response involved coordination across multiple agencies and jurisdictions to effectively manage the complex fire situation and ensure the safety and support of affected communities.

1. Reche Fire

- Date/Time: July 14, 2023, 1335 hrs.
- Location: Reche Canyon Rd, unincorporated Moreno Valley
- Incident Details:
 - EMD was requested to respond to a vegetation fire with active evacuations at Reche Canyon Rd, unincorporated Moreno Valley.
 - A Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) was issued for evacuation orders in the area.
 - In coordination with RivCo DPSS a Care and Reception site was established at Valley View High School in Moreno Valley and was managed by DPSS personnel.
 - In addition, Department of Animal Services coordinated with the San Jacinto Valley Animal Campus to accommodate animal evacuations and the care for large and small animals.
 - EMD personnel attended incident briefings and were at the incident command post throughout the duration of the incident.

2. Highland Fire

- Date/Time: July 14, 2023, 1539 hrs.
- Location: Near South Highland Springs Ave, City of Beaumont
- Incident Details:
 - EMD was requested for potential evacuations due to a vegetation fire.
 - A WEA was issued for evacuation orders and warnings.
 - In coordination with RivCo DPSS, a Reception & Care Center was established at Nicolette Middle School in Banning and was managed by Riverside County DPSS Personnel.
 - Department of Animal Services, coordinated with the San Jacinto Valley Animal Campus, 581 S. Grand Ave., San Jacinto, CA to establish care for small and large animals.

3. Rabbit Fire

- Date/Time: July 15, 2023, 0700 hrs.
- Location: Beaumont
- Incident Details:
 - EMD Personnel were requested to respond to the incident command post and attend incident briefings at Noble Creek Park. 0700 Hours.
 - EMD coordinated with RivCo DPSS to establish a Reception & Care Center at Beaumont High School, 39139 Cherry Valley Blvd.,

- Beaumont and was managed by the American Red Cross.
- Department of Animal Services assisted with the Care and sheltering of small and large animals.
- EMD issued WEA for evacuation orders and warnings.
- EMD staff supported the shelter overnight.
- Incident Duration, continued until July 17, 2023.

4. Gavilan Fire

- Date/Time: July 15, 2023, 1634 hrs.
- Location: Gavilan Road, unincorporated Area
- Incident Details:
 - EMD was requested to respond to a vegetation fire with active evacuations at Gavilan Road, unincorporated Area.
 - EMD activated the County's Operational Area Emergency Operations Center.
 - Multiple WEA alerts were issued for evacuation orders.
 - EMD coordinated with RivCo DPSS to establish a Care & Reception Center at Martin Luther King High School, 9301 Wood Rd., Riverside.
 - Department of Animal Services assisted with the care and sheltering of small and large animals at the Western Riverside County Animal Shelter, 6851 Van Buren Ave., Jurupa Valley

5. Chino Fire

- Date/Time: September 9, 2023, 1317 hrs.
- Location: Harris Western Way Recycling Center, located at the 6175 Natwar Lane, in Perris, CA.
- Incident Details:
 - The Riverside County Fire Department/CALFIRE Emergency Command Center contacted and requested EMD; EMD assisted Fire secure a skid steer/front loader with an operator for approximately 10 hours to assist with the management of the fire. The Incident Commander (IC) requested the heavy equipment to assist in managing the fire and protecting the structures.

Grapefruit Fire

- Date/Time: June 1, 2023, at 0914 hrs.
- Location: 14450 Arrowhead Drive, in the unincorporated area of Blythe.
- Incident Details:
 - Riverside County Fire Department/CALFIRE Emergency Command Center requested EMD to support the Grapefruit Fire.
 - EMD assisted securing an excavator with an operator to break up the hay bales due to excessive smoke. The excavator was needed to mitigate the situation due to the fire posing a significant challenge, and the smoke impacting the area.

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Incident	Total Incident	Total Unbudgeted	Amount Requested
Sandia Fire '23	395	395	-
Day Fire '23	1,283	1,283	902
Frog Fire '23	1,986	1,986	1,428
Snake Fire - Lake Elsinore	1,003	1,003	660
Village Fire-Jurupa	486	486	426
Summer Fires '23	99,761	99,761	83,233
Tropical Cyclone Hilary	153,930	67,250	-
Lawson Incident	17,859	17,859	13,463
Summer Storm 9.1.23	3,566	3,566	2,466
PSPS #1 '23	5,764	5,764	4,984
Highland Fire '23	24,043	24,043	11,381
Desert Edge Power Outage '23	889	889	748
PSPS #2 '23	998	998	878
Elm Fire '23	1,420	1,420	1,166
PSPS #4 '23	3,081	3,081	2,608
Winter Storm 12.22.23	3,704	3,704	2,804
Thousand Palms Cleanup '23	3,350	3,350	2,812
February Storms '24	7,769	7,769	6,405
Chino Fire '24	39,683	39,683	39,683
March Wind Event '24	73	73	55
Farley Fire '24	357	357	316
Magnolia Fire '24	734	734	148
Almond Fire '24	1,357	1,357	1,193
Grapefruit Fire '24	23,600	23,600	23,600
Oak Fire '24	804	804	681
Round Fire '24	438	438	342
Grand Total	\$ 398,334	\$ 311,654	\$ 202,382