

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



ITEM: 3.6
(ID # 27424)

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

FROM : EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT AND Executive Office

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT AND EXECUTIVE OFFICE:
Approve and Accept 4th & 5th District Unincorporated Communities Initiative (UCI) Funding and the General Fund Contingency to the Emergency Management Department for the San Jacinto Mountain Region Outdoor Alert and Warning Project, All Districts. [\$850,000 100% General Fund] (4/5 Vote Required)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve and obligate \$309,151 from District 4 UCI funding for the Alert and Warning Project outlined below; and
2. Approve and obligate \$30,649 from District 5 UCI funding for the Alert and Warning Project outlined below; and
3. Approve and obligate \$450,000 from the General Fund Contingency for the Alert and Warning Project outlined below; and
4. Direct the Executive Office to transfer the total of \$789,800 to CIP Fund ; and
5. Approve and direct the Auditor-Controller to make the budget adjustment as specified on the attached Schedule A.

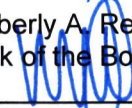
ACTION:4/5 Vote Required

Michelle Paradise
Michelle Paradise, ACEO 5/13/2025

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: May 20, 2025
xc: EMD, EO

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	\$ 0	\$850,000	\$ 850,000	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 450,000	\$ 450,000	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% General Fund			Budget Adjustment: Yes	
			For Fiscal Year: 24/25	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

Evacuation planning is crucial for the San Jacinto Mountains due to wildfires, flash floods, and limited access routes. Riverside County has implemented zone-based evacuation plans, early warning systems, traffic management strategies, and community preparedness efforts provide training and emergency resources to ensure safety. These measures help protect both residents and visitors by ensuring efficient evacuations during emergencies.

The County of Riverside (County), in collaboration with the Idyllwild Fire Department and local Mile-High Radio Club (MHRC), identified potential locations for upgrades and installation of the outdoor warning speakers, along with the integration of the existing traveler information stations system. This region includes the communities of Anza, Fern Valley, Garner Valley, Idyllwild, Mountain Center, Pine Cove, Poppet Flats, and Pinyon Pines. The communities in this region are surrounded by wilderness areas, forests, and many steep slopes. Evacuation routes out of this region are SR-243 and SR-74. Both highways are mostly two lanes with many winding sections through steep rocky mountain slopes.

This system will provide people with early, real-time, and vital information on how they can protect themselves from imminent dangers and hazards identified in the County of Riverside Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJLHMP). This system will have the ability to be activated using Riverside County's alert and warning system (Alert RivCo) or from one of its local sites by a partnering public safety organization. This system will use Geographic Information System (GIS) software to determine the location of a fire/hazard, vulnerable populations, best evacuation routes, and staging locations. It will provide enhanced coordination and communications among public safety providers and the public for timely notification using outdoor high decibel speakers located in 28 strategic populated locations throughout this region.

This system will also integrate with and expand upon the existing WNKI 1610 AM radio station. This will allow for public safety personnel to provide updated information to travelers/evacuees via the WNKI 1610 AM radio station. A public outreach and education program will be required for this project. This public outreach and education program will include road signs that will advise travelers to tune-in to WNKI 1610 AM radio station for updated evacuation information.

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The work is to be performed in multiple phases: the first phase consisting of planning and design (completed) followed by construction which will include procurement, installation, testing, and activation of the system. Construction will be implemented in several phases, based on final technical parameters established during Phase 1.

On December 13, 2022, Item 3.9, was approved by the Board of Supervisors for the Emergency Management Department to accept and use the California Fire Safe Council Wildfire Evacuation Planning and Development Grant Program in the amount of \$380,000 in support of Phase 2.

On January 28, 2025, Item 3.1 was approved by the Board of Supervisors for the Emergency Management Department to accept \$60,200 from the Third District Unincorporated Communities Initiative in support of the San Jacinto Mountain Region Outdoor Alert and Warning Project.

The additional Unincorporated Communities Initiative and the General Fund Contingency allocations will provide crucial funding support for the final phase of the construction.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

Effective planning helps minimize the impact of potential challenges by enhancing safety, preparedness, and response times during emergencies.

Additional Fiscal Information

EMD pursued and secured Federal and State grants to maximize funding and local contributions from the Board of Supervisors and Executive Office.

The long-term goal of the Unincorporated Communities Initiative is to ultimately improve infrastructure and services to all of the County's unincorporated communities. This is a step toward meeting that commitment.

3rd District- UCI	60,200
4th District- UCI	309,151
5th District- UCI	30,649
General Fund Contingency	450,000
Total	\$ 850,000

SCHEDULE A.

**SCHEDULE A
Emergency Management Department Budget Adjustment
Fiscal Year 2024/2025**

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

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10000-1101000000-551100 Contributions to Other Funds \$450,000

ANTICIPATED USE OF UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE

10000-1101000000-370100 Unassigned Fund Balance \$450,000

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

10000-1109000000-581000 Appropriations for Contingencies \$450,000

ANTICIPATED INCREASE IN UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE:

10000-1109000000-370100 Unassigned Fund Balance \$450,000

ANTICIPATED INCREASE IN ASSIGNED FUND BALANCE:

30700-1104200000-350200 AFB For Const/Capital Projects \$789,800

INCREASE REVENUES:

30700-1104200000-790600 Contributions from Other Funds \$789,800


Patricia Cooper, Deputy Chief of Staff 4/30/2025


Rick Ramirez, BOARD OF SUPV CHIEF OF STAFF 4/30/2025


Brett Austin, Supervising Accountant 5/7/2025


Rebecca S Cortez, Principal Management Analyst 5/12/2025