

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY  
BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

WHEREAS, Ordinance 533.6 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 Board of Supervisors is not in session at the time of this proclamation, the Director of Emergency Services finds the following:

WHEREAS, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the County of Riverside caused by extreme winter weather, snow, rain, and a melting snowpack that occurred on March 21 and 22, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, The County Riverside County Flood Control and Conservation District is experiencing sinkholes over storm drains and damage to channels that will require maintenance and repair at various locations in Riverside County; and,

WHEREAS, the high river flow from record rain and snow melt has caused a breach of the levee on the San Jacinto River, damaging adjacent farmlands, which has been repaired; however, the district continues to bolster the breach. The district is also continuing to address other locations of the levy that was damaged from the previous, as well as the potential of additional damage from the incoming storms.

WHEREAS, Initial storm-related damage estimates received from our County Departments, Cities, Tribal Governments, Special Districts, and School Districts of a total of \$4.4 million and is expected to increase as ongoing assessment of storm impacts progresses: and,

WHEREAS, additional storms expected to come into the County this week and in the foreseeable future that is capable of exacerbating damage to flood control and critical infrastructure due to more rainfall on the oversaturated ground and melting snow; 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 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: March 30, 2023

  
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Director of Emergency Services  
County of Riverside