REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY AND RECORD OF ACTION

February 27, 2024

FROM LUTHER SNOKE, Chief Executive Officer, County Administrative Office

SUBJECT

Termination of the Local Emergency Proclamation – 2023 August Tropical Storm Hilary

RECOMMENDATION(S)

Terminate the Local Emergency Proclamation within San Bernardino County related to the 2023 August Tropical Storm Hilary, that was initially proclaimed by the Director of Emergency Services on August 20, 2023, and ratified by the Board of Supervisors on August 22, 2023. (Presenter: Crisanta Gonzalez, Director, 356-3988)

COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Operate in a Fiscally-Responsible and Business-Like Manner. Ensure Development of a Well-Planned, Balanced, and Sustainable County. Provide for the Safety, Health and Social Service Needs of County Residents. Pursue County Goals and Objectives by Working with Other Agencies and Stakeholders.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Approval of this item will not result in the use of Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost) as there is no cost or financial impact associated with the termination of this local emergency.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On August 18, 2023, the National Weather Service (NWS) issued a Tropical Storm Warning for San Bernardino County (County). This event warned of conditions of peril to the safety of persons and property within the county, in the form of infrastructure damage from extreme weather, especially due to burn scars from the Apple and El Dorado fires, which could create conditions of dangerous and potentially catastrophic flooding, mudslides, and debris flows.

Due to the extensive anticipated damage resulting from this storm event, the Chief Operating Officer (COO), while serving as the Director of Emergency Services, proclaimed the existence of a local emergency on August 20, 2023. On August 22, 2023 (Item No. 98), the Board of Supervisors (Board) ratified the action taken by the COO. The impact of the tropical storm event resulted in the need for the County to take actions, measures, and steps deemed necessary to assure the safety and welfare of residents and property within the county.

The termination of the Local Emergency Proclamation is due to the fact that all emergency work, including the efforts by the Natural Resources Conservation Service, has been completed. The Board last took action to continue this local emergency on January 9, 2024 (Item No. 15).

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Pursuant to Government Code section 8630(c), the Board shall review the need for continuing the local emergency at least once every 60 days until the Board terminates the local emergency. Board approval of this recommendation would terminate the local emergency in accordance with Government Code section 8630(c).

PROCUREMENT

Not applicable.

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Grace B. Parsons, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on February 2, 2024; Finance (Carl Lofton, Administrative Analyst, 387-5404) on February 7, 2024; and County Finance and Administration (Robert Saldana, Deputy Executive Officer, 387-5423) on February 9, 2024.

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APPROVED (CONSENT CALENDAR)

Moved: Curt Hagman Seconded: Joe Baca, Jr. Ayes: Col. Paul Cook (Ret.), Jesse Armendarez, Dawn Rowe, Curt Hagman, Joe Baca, Jr.

Lynna Monell, CLERK OF THE BOARD

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DATED: February 27, 2024



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