

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

August 9, 2022

FROM

LEONARD X. HERNANDEZ, Chief Executive Officer, County Administrative Office

SUBJECT

Continuation of the Proclamation of Local Emergency - Emergency Medical Services System

RECOMMENDATION(S)

Continue the Local Emergency Proclamation within San Bernardino County originally proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors on March 1, 2022, resulting from the impact of the worldwide Novel Coronavirus pandemic to the Emergency Medical Services system, for an additional 60 days in accordance with Government Code section 8630(c).

(Presenter: Daniel Munoz, Interim EMS Administrator, 388-5807)

COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Provide for the Safety, Health and Social Service Needs of County Residents.

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 continuation of this local emergency.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On March 1, 2022 (Item No. 34), in accordance with Government Code section 8630(a), the Board of Supervisors (Board) proclaimed the existence of a local emergency to the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system. The impact of the worldwide Novel Coronavirus pandemic resulted in the need for the County to implement EMS protective measures.

As a result of the pandemic, the County continues to experience paramedic staffing shortages and disruption in supply chains, including ambulance manufacturing delays. To continue to ensure public safety, it is imperative that First Responder agencies and ambulance transport providers maximize the number of available resources to maintain the ability to meet the anticipated emergency transportation needs of the County. Continuation of the local emergency supports the ability of these agencies to obtain necessary additional resources, such as staffing resources, and allows the Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency to maintain emergency directives in place to support the EMS system, including the potential leveraging of alternate transport vehicles as needed.

Pursuant to Government Code section 8630(c), the Board of Supervisors (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 continue the local emergency for an additional period in accordance with Government Code section 8630(c).

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The Board last took action to continue this local emergency on June 14, 2022 (Item No. 25).

PROCUREMENT

Not applicable.

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (John Tubbs II, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on July 14, 2022; Finance (Carl Lofton, Administrative Analyst, 387-5404) on July 22, 2022, 2022; and County Finance and Administration (Robert Saldana, Deputy Executive Officer, 387-5423) on July 25, 2022.

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APPROVED (CONSENT CALENDAR)

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

Lynna Monell, CLERK OF THE BOARD

BY 
DATED: August 9, 2022



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