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

August 22, 2023

FROM

LUTHER SNOKE, Chief Operating Officer, County Administrative Office

SUBJECT

Proclamation of Local Emergency – 2023 August Tropical Storm Hilary

RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 1. Ratify action taken by the Director of Emergency Services on August 20, 2023, proclaiming the existence of a local emergency as a result of the extreme weather event that started on August 18, 2023, and impacted San Bernardino County.
- 2. Continue the local emergency, which still exists and continues to be an emergency, for an additional period in accordance with Government Code section 8630(c).

(Presenter: Daniel Muñoz, Deputy Executive Officer, 388-5807)

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 ratifying the proclamation and continuing this local emergency. However, the County has incurred costs resulting from this local emergency. The preliminary damage estimate is still under review. These costs, which are not fully determined at this time, could potentially require the use of additional Discretionary General Funding. Should this occur, a future item will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors (Board) for approval.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On August 18, 2023, the National Weather Service (NWS) issued a Tropical Storm Warning for the 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.

As a result, the Chief Operating Officer (COO), while serving as the Director of Emergency Services, proclaimed the existence of a local emergency on August 20, 2023. Approval of this item will ratify that action taken by the COO and will continue the local emergency as conditions threatening the safety of persons and property may still exist.

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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.

PROCUREMENT

Not applicable.

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Julie Surber, Principal Assistant County Counsel, 387-5455) on August 21, 2023; Finance (Erika Rodarte, Principal Administrative Analyst, 387-4919) on August 21, 2023; and County Finance and Administration (Robert Saldana, Deputy Executive Officer, 387-5423) on August 21, 2023.

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Public Comment: None

APPROVED

Moved: Curt Hagman Seconded: Joe Baca, Jr.

Ayes: Jesse Armendarez, Dawn Rowe, Curt Hagman, Joe Baca, Jr.

Absent: Col. Paul Cook (Ret.)

Lynna Monell, CLERK OF THE BOARD

DATED: August 22, 2023



cc: File - Emergency 2023 August Tropical Storm Hilary w/

attachment

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