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AGENDA

Consolidated Office Building – Downstairs Meeting Room

1360 N. Main St., Bishop, California

Pursuant to California Government Code 54953(b)(1), additional videoconference/call-in locations have been established for Supervisor Matt Kingsley, who will be attending this meeting via Zoom at 210 Lasky Ln., Lone Pine; and Supervisor Jennifer Roeser, who will be attending via Zoom at 850 Blackrock Springs Rd., Independence.

NOTICES TO THE PUBLIC: (1) This meeting is accessible to the public both in person and, for convenience, via Zoom webinar. The Zoom webinar is accessible to the public at <https://zoom.us/j/868254781>. The meeting may also be accessed by telephone at the following numbers: (669) 900-6833; (346) 248-7799; (253) 215-8782; (929) 205-6099; (301) 715-8592; (312) 626-6799. Webinar ID: 868 254 781. Anyone unable to attend the Board meeting in person who wishes to make either a general public comment or a comment on a specific agenda item may do so by utilizing the Zoom "hand-raising" feature when appropriate during the meeting (the Chair will call on those who wish to speak). Generally, speakers are limited to three minutes. Remote participation for members of the public is provided for convenience only. In the event that the remote participation connection malfunctions for any reason, the Board of Supervisors reserves the right to conduct the meeting without remote access. Regardless of remote access, written public comments, limited to 250 words or fewer, may be emailed to the Assistant Clerk of the Board at boardclerk@inyocounty.us. (2) In Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting please contact the Clerk of the Board at (760) 878-0373 (28 CFR 35.102-35.104 ADA Title II). Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the County to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting. Should you because of a disability require appropriate alternative formatting of this agenda, please notify the Clerk of the Board 72 hours prior to the meeting to enable the County to make the agenda available in a reasonable alternative format. (Government Code Section 54954.2). (3) If a writing, that is a public record relating to an agenda item for an open session of a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors, is distributed less than 72 hours prior to the meeting, the writing shall be available for public inspection at the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, 224 N. Edwards, Independence, California and is available per Government Code § 54957.5(b)(1).

SPECIAL MEETING August 25, 2023

Start Time

11 A.M. 1) **Update on Damage from Tropical Storm Hilary and Ratification of Local Emergency Proclamation**

County Administrator | Miscellaneous
25 minutes (15min. Presentation / 10min. Discussion)

Recommended Action:

- A) Approve Resolution No. 2023-24, ratifying the Inyo County Director of Emergency Service's local emergency proclamation of August 21, 2023;
- B) Hear updates on damage and recovery efforts related to Tropical Storm Hilary; and
- C) Provide any direction to staff as necessary.

2) **Adjourn**



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AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

August 25, 2023

Reference ID:
2023-4109

Update on Damage from Tropical Storm Hilary and Ratification of Local Emergency Proclamation

County Administrator

ACTION REQUIRED

ITEM SUBMITTED BY

County Administrator, Sheriff, Public Works,
Emergency Services, Health & Human Services

ITEM PRESENTED BY

Miscellaneous

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

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BACKGROUND / SUMMARY / JUSTIFICATION:

On August 18, 2023, Hurricane Hilary initiated a series of severe weather events, including heavy rain, flooding, lightning, and strong gusty winds, affecting Southern California, particularly Inyo County. In response to the developing situation, the National Weather Service issued a sequence of Flood Watches on August 18, 2023, forewarning of the potential for major to historic flooding within Inyo County, spanning the period from August 19, 2023, through August 22, 2023.

This formidable storm system caused widespread flooding in Inyo County, necessitating the closure of vital roadways. Notably, a full closure of Highway 395, a critical artery connecting the County with Southern California. Furthermore, a full closure of Highway 190 left both inhabitants and visitors within Death Valley National Park stranded. The ramifications extended to essential infrastructure and public transportation systems, compelling the issuance of evacuation advisories and orders.

The ongoing assessment of the damage incurred by County roads and highways confronts challenges posed by compromised accessibility. Impassable conditions due to washouts and persisting floods have impeded the expeditious evaluation of the extent of destruction. Hurricane Hilary's impact, coupled with the consequent debris flow, continues to pose imminent threats to vital infrastructure, both public and private properties, as well as the safety and well-being of the populace residing within the County.

The Director of Emergency Services proclaimed the existence of a local emergency on August 21. Your Board is being asked to ratify that proclamation and hear updates from staff on the toll taken by the storm and recovery efforts.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding Source	N/A	Budget Unit	
Budgeted?	N/A	Object Code	
Recurrence	N/A		
Current Fiscal Year Impact			
Future Fiscal Year Impacts			
Additional Information			

ALTERNATIVES AND/OR CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Do not ratify the proclamation, which is not recommended.

OTHER DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Office of Emergency Services; Sheriff's Office; Public Works; Health & Human Services

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Hurricane Hilary Disaster Declaration
2. Resolution No. 2023-24 - Ratifying Local Emergency Proclamation

APPROVALS:

Darcy Ellis	Created/Initiated - 8/23/2023
Darcy Ellis	Approved - 8/23/2023
Mikaela Torres	Approved - 8/23/2023
John Vallejo	Approved - 8/23/2023
Nate Greenberg	Final Approval - 8/23/2023

**EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR OF INYO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAIMING EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, on August 18, 2023, Hurricane Hilary initiated a series of severe weather events, including heavy rain, flooding, lightning, and strong gusty winds, affecting Southern California, particularly Inyo County;

WHEREAS, in response to the developing situation, the National Weather Service issued a sequence of Flood Watches on August 18, 2023, forewarning of the potential for major to historic flooding within Inyo County, spanning the period from August 19, 2023, through August 22, 2023;

WHEREAS, this formidable storm system engendered widespread flooding, necessitating the closure of vital roadways. Notably, a full closure of Highway 395, a critical artery connecting the County with southern California. Furthermore, a full closure of Highway 190 left both inhabitants and visitors within Death Valley National Park stranded. The ramifications extended to essential infrastructure and public transportation systems, compelling the issuance of evacuation advisories and orders;

WHEREAS, the ongoing assessment of the damage incurred by County roads and highways confronts challenges posed by compromised accessibility. Impassable conditions due to washouts and persisting floods have impeded the expeditious evaluation of the extent of destruction;

WHEREAS, Hurricane Hilary's impact, coupled with the consequent debris flow, continues to pose imminent threats to vital infrastructure, both public and private properties, as well as the safety and well-being of the populace residing within the County;

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services finds that these emergency conditions will require additional resources, services, personnel, equipment, and any other assistance, including the combined forces of the mutual aid region to mitigate the effects of the local emergency. These resources are necessary to address immediate threats and to assist in recovery efforts; and,

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 8630, and Inyo County Code Section 2.56.060 empowers the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when the County Board of Supervisors is not in session and Inyo County is threatened or likely to be threatened by the conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property that are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of this County; and

WHEREAS, the Inyo County Board of Supervisors is not currently in session and cannot immediately be called into session; and

WHEREAS, the Inyo County Board of Supervisors shall take action to ratify this Proclamation within seven days thereafter or the Proclamation shall have no further force or

effect.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND PROCLAIMED by the Director of Emergency Services for the County of Inyo that, for the reasons set forth herein, a local emergency now exists throughout Inyo County; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of this local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of this County shall be those prescribed by State law, by ordinances, and resolutions, and that this emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until either the Governor of the State of California, or the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, proclaims its termination, or if the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo does not ratify this proclamation within seven days of its issuance. Further, it is directed that this emergency proclamation be forwarded to the Director of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services and the Governor of the State of California, with a request for additional resources, services, personnel, and equipment.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this 21st day of August, 2023, by the Inyo County Director of Emergency Services.



Nate Greenberg,
County Administrative Officer
Director of Emergency Services
County of Inyo, State of California

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-24

**A RESOLUTION OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF INYO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY RESULTING
FROM HURRICANE HILARY**

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WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services did proclaim the existence of a local emergency within the county on August 21, 2023, a copy of which is attached to this Resolution as Attachment A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED as follows

Section 1: The Inyo County Board of Supervisors does hereby ratify the declaration of the Director of Emergency Services and proclaims the existence of a Local Emergency in Inyo County as a result of the reasons set forth herein; and,

Section 2: The Inyo County Board of Supervisors request that this emergency proclamation be forwarded to the Director of the Governor’s Office of Emergency Services and the Governor of the State of California, with a request for assistance to recover from the threats and effects of Hurricane Hilary to the safety of property and persons in Inyo County including threats to private, Tribal, and public property and infrastructure, public health, environmental health, and the County’s economy described but not limited herein, including additional resources, services, personnel, and equipment.

Section 3: The Inyo County Board of Supervisors will review the need for continuing the Local Emergency at least every 30 days and, if appropriate, take action to terminate the local emergency as of the earliest possible date that conditions warrant, pursuant to California Government Code Section 8630(c),

APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this 25th day of August, 2023, by the Inyo County Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

Chair, Board of Supervisors
County of Inyo

Attest: Nate Greenberg
Clerk of the Board

By: _____
Assistant Clerk of the Board