

CITY OF COACHELLA
CALIFORNIA

Proclamation

**OF THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY
HURRICANE HILARY**

AUGUST 21, 2023

WHEREAS, Coachella Municipal Code section 2.56.60 empowers the City Manager, acting as the Director of Emergency Services, to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the City is exposed to an actual or threatened existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the City and the City Council is not in session; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager, as Director of Emergency Services of the City of Coachella, does hereby find that:

1. Threatened existence of conditions of extreme peril to the health and safety of persons in Coachella are present as a result of Hurricane Hilary; and
2. The U.S. National Hurricane Center predicted will bring "catastrophic" flooding for the Baja peninsula and for the southwestern United States; and
3. Hurricane Hilary crossed the border into the United States as a tropical storm on Sunday, August 20, 2023; and
4. Meteorologists expect the storm to bring heavy rainfall to the southwestern United States, resulting in 3 to 6 inches in places, with isolated amounts of up to 10 inches in portions of southern California; and
5. The U.S. National Hurricane Center issued tropical storm and potential flood warnings for Southern California from the Pacific coast to interior mountains and deserts; and



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6. Experts forecast flash floods, mudslides, isolated tornadoes and wind damage to Southern California; and
7. The City of Coachella has suffered damage from the impacts of the Hurricane, including but not limited to: fire, flood, torrential rain, wind; and
8. A proclamation of a local emergency will assist in a coordinated public safety response to protect lives and property, coordinate and mitigate public services that may be disrupted from this emergency, and mitigate any other effects of this emergency on the residents, businesses and visitors in the City; and
9. Under California Government Code section 8630(b) and Coachella Municipal Code section 2.56.060(a)(1), a proclamation of local emergency must be ratified by the City Council within seven (7) days to remain in effect.

WHEREAS, on August 19, 2023, California Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed the existence of a state-wide emergency due to the impacts expected from Hurricane Hilary and, among other acts, ordered the California Office of Emergency Services to provide assistance to local governments in Riverside County pursuant to the California Disaster Assistance Act (California Government Code, Section 8680 et. seq.) ("Proclamation"). A copy of the Proclamation is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and is hereby incorporated herein as support for this local declaration.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED, that a local emergency now exists throughout the City of Coachella as a result of the impacts from Hurricane Hilary; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of this City shall be those prescribed by state law, ordinances, and resolutions of the City of Coachella; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that, without limiting the nature of the foregoing, the City Manager, as Director of Emergency Services, is empowered:

- (A) To make and issue rules and regulations on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property as affected by such emergency;

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(B) To obtain vital supplies, equipment, and such other properties found lacking and needed for the protection of life and property, and to bind the City for the fair value thereof and, if required immediately, to commandeer the same for public use;

(C) To require emergency services of any City officer or employee and to command the aid of as many citizens of this community as he deems necessary in the execution of his duties; such persons shall be entitled to all privileges, benefits and immunities as are provided by state law for registered disaster service workers;

(D) To requisition necessary personnel or material to any City department or agency;
and

(E) To execute all of his ordinary power as City Manager, all of the special powers conferred upon him by Chapter 2.56 of the Coachella Municipal Code or by resolution or emergency plan pursuant thereto adopted by the City Council, all powers conferred upon him by any statute, by any agreement approved by the City Council, and by any other lawful authority.

August 21, 2023

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