

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-07**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
MISSION SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT  
PROCLAIMING A LOCAL EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the governing body of the District has the authority to proclaim a local emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, California Government Code Section 3100 states that all public employees are declared to be disaster service workers subject to such disaster service activities as may be assigned to them by their superiors or by law, and the District needs to continue providing potable water and sewer service deemed as an essential public service; and

**WHEREAS**, any actions that the District may take to ensure the continuation of critical services to protect the safety of customers and to provide for immunities that will protect the District for actions taken, as covered under the California Emergency Services Act; and

**WHEREAS**, working with the County of Riverside, this proclamation authorizes the undertaking of powers and invoking and disseminating emergency orders (e.g., emergency orders, emergency spending authorities, emergency or pre-established contracting, order necessary Personal Protective Equipment, recovery, etc.) and regulations necessary to provide for the protection of life, property, and the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, this proclamation establishes that an emergency exists, and that if mutual aid of in-county resources are needed to assist the District, as covered under the California Master Mutual Aid Agreement and any local agreements to provide mutual aid should be sufficient to establish, and that the Emergency Services Act applies; and

**WHEREAS**, this proclamation establishes that an emergency exists, and if out-of-county assistance is needed, requests for mutual aid should follow procedures set forth by the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) and the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES), including obtaining mission numbers through the County of Riverside Emergency Management Department from CalOES for responding agencies. This is particularly important for possible reimbursement of extraordinary expenses in the event of a proclaimed "State of Emergency" or in the event of a presidential declaration of disaster when state or federal disaster relief funds become available; and

**WHEREAS**, conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the health and safety of persons and property have arisen both internationally and within the United States as a result of the introduction of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), a novel communicable disease which led to California Governor Gavin Newsom, to proclaim a State of Emergency for California on March 4, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, currently COVID-19 has spread globally to more than 70 countries, infecting more than 250,000 persons and causing more than 10,000 fatalities worldwide. Due to the expanding list of countries with widespread transmission of COVID-19, and increasing travel alerts and warnings for countries experiencing sustained or uncontrolled community transmission issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), COVID-19 has created conditions that are likely to be beyond the control of local resources and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat this virus; and

**WHEREAS**, a Local Health Emergency was proclaimed by the County of Riverside Public Health Officer on March 8, 2020, and ratified by the Board of Supervisors on March 10, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, a Local Emergency was proclaimed by the County of Riverside Board of Supervisors on March 10, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDC confirmed person-to-person transmission of COVID-19 in the United States, raising the possibility of community transmission occurring in the general public. This has resulted in a Federal Declaration of National Emergency as declared by President Donald Trump on March 13, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the District's ability to mobilize local resources, coordinate interagency response, accelerate procurement of vital supplies, use mutual aid, and seek future reimbursement by State and Federal governments will be critical to successfully responding to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, these conditions warrant and necessitate that the District proclaim the existence of a local emergency.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Mission Springs Water District as follows:

**Section 1.** That the District hereby proclaims the existence of a local emergency and directs District staff to take the necessary steps for the protection of life, health and safety.

**Section 2.** That during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the District shall be those prescribed by state law and by ordinances and resolutions of the District Board.

**Section 3.** That the District General Manager is hereby empowered to take such actions and to obtain supplies, equipment, services and/or property needed for the protection of life and property and to bind the District for the fair value thereof.

**Section 4.** That all departments of the District shall review and revise their department emergency and contingency plans to address the risks COVID-19 poses to their critical functions in coordination with the District's Emergency Management Department/Manager.

**Section 5.** That all District departments shall track costs for staffing, supplies, and equipment related to COVID-19 preparation and prevention and forward that information to the District's finance department; and complete an Initial Damage Estimate (IDE) Category B, and forward that information to the Riverside County Emergency Management Department (EMD) on a daily basis.

**Section 6.** That the District's internal departments shall coordinate District-wide planning, preparedness and response efforts regarding COVID-19 with the Riverside County EMD.

**Section 7.** That this Resolution shall take effect immediately and that widespread publicity and notice shall be given said Proclamation through the most feasible and adequate means of disseminating such notice throughout the District.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Riverside County EMD to be forwarded to the Director of the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services.

**ADOPTED** this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2020, by the following vote:

Ayes: Grasha, Sewell, Wright, Martin, Duncan

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent:

  
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Nancy Wright  
President of Mission Springs Water District  
and its Board of Directors

ATTEST:

  
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Arden Wallum  
Secretary of Mission Springs Water District  
and its Board of Directors

