

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-20

**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, the National Weather Service issued a Tropical Storm Warning on August 18, 2023 warning of conditions of damage and extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the County of Riverside; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service issued a series of Flood Watches on August 18, 2023, warning of potential significant flooding in the County of Riverside between August 19, 2023 and August 22, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service issued a series of Flash Flood Warnings August 19 and 20, 2023 for multiple areas within the County of Riverside; and

WHEREAS, the storm system driven by Hurricane Hilary is causing major flooding, mudflows, road closures and damage to critical infrastructure across the County of Riverside and may continue to cause damage that will create great economic burden on effected communities; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a State of Emergency on August 19, 2023, in response to the extreme weather-related events as a result of Hurricane Hilary; and

WHEREAS, the County of Riverside proclaimed a State of Emergency on August 21, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City of Desert Hot Springs proclaimed a State of Emergency on August 21, 2023; 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, that such mutual aid should be sought and that the Emergency Services Act applies to the current situation; 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 District departments shall track costs for staffing, supplies, and equipment related to responding to this emergency and forward that information to the District's finance department.

Section 5. That this Resolution shall be effective as of August 20, 2023, the date of the above referenced storm.

ADOPTED this ____ day of August 2023, by the following vote:

Ayes:
Noes:
Abstain:
Absent:

Russ Martin
President of Mission Springs Water District
and its Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Brian Macy
Secretary of Mission Springs Water District
and its Board of Directors

