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**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SPECIAL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
38300 SIERRA HIGHWAY
SUITE B
PALMDALE, CA 93550
MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2023
5:00 pm
www.cityofpalmdale.org**

WELCOME

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

***Note: All City Council memberships are reflected in their City Council titles.**

2. ROLL CALL

MAYOR BETTENCOURT, MAYOR PRO TEM ALARCÓN, COUNCILMEMBERS
BISHOP, LOA, OHLSEN

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

4. WAIVER OF FULL READING OF RESOLUTION(S) and ORDINANCE(S)

Staff Recommendation: Move to waive full reading of the Resolution (s) and/or
Ordinance(s) to be considered and voted on at this meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT RULES:

“(California Government Code Section 54954.3).

(a) Every agenda for regular and special meetings shall provide an opportunity for members of the public to directly address the legislative body on any item of interest to the public, before or during the legislative body’s consideration of the item, that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body, provided that no action shall be taken on any item not appearing on the agenda unless the action is otherwise authorized by subdivision (b) of Section 54954.2 [section omitted].

(b) (1) The legislative body of a local agency may adopt reasonable regulations to ensure that the intent of the subdivision (a) is carried out, including, but not limited to, regulations limiting the total amount of time allocated for public testimony on particular issues and for each individual speaker.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), when the legislative body of a local agency limits time for public comment, the legislative body of a local agency shall provide at least twice the allotted time to a member of the public who utilizes a translator to ensure that non-English speakers receive the same opportunity to directly address the legislative body of a local agency.”

In furtherance of Section 54954.3 of the Brown Act, the public is allotted to speak a total of three (3) minutes on the New Business item. As specified in the Brown Act, a speaker utilizing a translator will receive twice the amount of time specified.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

NEW BUSINESS: Now is the time for public participation on the New Business item. Each speaker is allotted three (3) minutes total on the entirety of this item.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- 6.1 Adopt Resolution No. CC 2023-055, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Palmdale ratifying the Director of Emergency Services' Proclamation of a Local Emergency resulting from Tropical Storm Hilary.

[Staff Report Resolution No. CC 2023 055.docx](#)

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[City of Palmdale Proclamation of Local Emergency.pdf](#)

7. ADJOURN

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Accommodations

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, if you require a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (661) 267-5151 at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

If you require oral Spanish translation, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (661) 267-5151 at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.



City Council Staff Report

DATE: AUGUST 28, 2023
TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DEPARTMENT
EMERGENCY SERVICES
DISTRICT: ALL
SUBJECT: ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. CC 2023-055, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMDALE RATIFYING THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES' PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY RESULTING FROM TROPICAL STORM HILARY

ISSUE

Adopt Resolution No. CC 2023-055, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Palmdale ratifying the Director of Emergency Services' Proclamation of a Local Emergency resulting from Tropical Storm Hilary.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the City Council:

1. Adopt Resolution No. CC 2023-055 ratifying the Director of Emergency Services' Proclamation of a Local Emergency resulting from Tropical Storm Hilary; and
2. Authorize the City Manager or their designee to negotiate and execute such contracts, agreements, applications or other documents with such other Federal, State, or local agencies or other groups and organizations as are necessary to obtain emergency aid, assistance, or services to the City of Palmdale.

BACKGROUND

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 City of Palmdale. On Sunday, August 20, 2023, conditions of disaster or extreme threat to persons and property were present due to Tropical Storm Hilary, which arrived in the City of Palmdale bringing high winds and gusts, intense precipitation, debris flow, urban flooding falling and downed trees, and adverse impacts to critical infrastructure. The City of Palmdale received approximately six inches of rain in a 24-hour period.

Both public and private property sustained damage. The City virtually activated the Emergency Operation Center in response to the emergency. City Staff were deployed

to clear roads, alleviate flooding, and inspect damaged dwellings. In addition, Victory Outreach opened the City Community Emergency Resource Center, providing refuge from the storm for residents in need. On August 20, 2023, the County of Los Angeles and the State of California each declared an emergency, both in response to Tropical Storm Hilary.

DISCUSSION

On August 24, 2023, the City's Director of Emergency Services proclaimed the existence of a local emergency within the City of Palmdale, pursuant to the California Government Code Section 8630 and Municipal Code Section 2.28.040. An emergency proclamation issued by the Director of Emergency Services is valid for seven days and must be reviewed and ratified by the City Council. Resolution CC 2023-055 would ratify the Director of Emergency Services' Proclamation of a local emergency resulting from the Tropical Storm Hilary Incident and would authorize the Director of Emergency Services to continue to take appropriate measures to protect public health, safety, and welfare and obtain emergency aid from other agencies. In accordance with 2.28.040, the Director of Emergency Services is empowered to take actions including but not limited to obtaining 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.

FISCAL IMPACT

\$1,200,000; the initial damage estimate on Monday, August 21, 2023, is \$1,200,000. It is recommended that the City Council appropriate funds from the General Fund Emergency Reserves, in accordance with the City's Reserve Policy.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal I: Maintain effective public safety and protection for life, property, and the environment.

- B. Be prepared to protect life, property, and the environment in the event of catastrophic disasters and emergencies.

Prepared by:	Arpen Shadkamyian, Emergency Services Administrator
Certified as to availability of Funds:	Janelle Samson, Director of Finance
Approved by:	Ronda Perez, City Manager
Approved as to form:	William P. Curley, III, Interim City Attorney

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution No. CC 2023-055
2. Proclamation of Local Emergency Resulting From Tropical Storm Hilary

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PALMDALE, CALIFORNIA
RESOLUTION NO. CC 2023-055

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMDALE
THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES' PROCLAMATION OF A
LOCAL EMERGENCY RESULTING FROM TROPICAL STORM HILARY

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 City of Palmdale; and

WHEREAS, on Sunday, August 20th, 2023, conditions of disaster or extreme threat to persons and property were present due to Tropical Storm Hilary, which arrived in the City of Palmdale bringing high winds and gusts, intense precipitation, debris flow, urban flooding falling and downed trees, and adverse impacts to critical infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the City of Palmdale received approximately six inches of rain in a 24-hour period; and

WHEREAS, the City's Director of Emergency Services did proclaim the existence of a local emergency within the City of Palmdale, pursuant to California Government Code Section 8630 and Palmdale Municipal Code Section 2.28.040, on the 24th of August, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City of Palmdale City Council does hereby find that the aforesaid conditions resulting from the Tropical Storm Hilary Incident warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency by the City's Director of Emergency Services.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMDALE DOES HEREBY FIND, DETERMINE, RESOLVE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Government Code Section 8630 and Palmdale Municipal Code Section 2.28.040, the City Council ratifies the proclamation of the Director of Emergency Services of a state of local emergency and hereby proclaims that a state of local emergency continues to exist within the City of Palmdale.

SECTION 2. The City Council directs the Director of Emergency Services or their designee to take such actions as are appropriate to the fullest extent provided by the

Federal, State, and local law to protect the public health, welfare, safety, and property of the residents of the City of Palmdale and in accordance with Municipal Code section 2.28.040.

SECTION 3. The City Council further authorizes the Director of Emergency Services or their designee to negotiate or execute such contracts, agreements, applications, or other documents with such other Federal, State, or local agencies or other groups and organizations as are necessary to obtain emergency aid, assistance, or services to the City of Palmdale and other actions provided in accordance with Municipal Code Section 2.28.040.

SECTION 4. The aforementioned local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until this City Council proclaims its termination. In accordance with California Government Code 8630, this City Council shall review the need for continuing this local emergency at least once every 60 days until it terminates the local emergency.

SECTION 5. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 28th day of August, 2023.

Approved as to form:

Laura Bettencourt, Mayor

ATTEST:

William P. Curley, III
Interim City Attorney

Rochelle Scott, Acting City Clerk

I, Rochelle Scott, Acting City Clerk of the City of Palmdale, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly passed, approved, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Palmdale at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 28th day of August, 2023 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSTAIN: _____ ABSENT: _____

Date: _____
Rochelle Scott, Acting City Clerk

**CITY OF PALMDALE
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY RESULTING FROM TROPICAL STORM
HILARY**

WHEREAS, as of August 20, 2023, conditions of disaster or extreme threat to persons and property were present due to Tropical Storm Hilary, which arrived in the City of Palmdale, California, bringing high winds and gusts, intense precipitation, debris flow, urban flooding, falling and downed trees, and adverse impacts to critical infrastructure and utilities; and

WHEREAS, the incident is being called "Tropical Storm Hilary"; and

WHEREAS, on August 20, 2023, the County of Los Angeles declared an emergency, and on August 20, 2023, the State of California declared an emergency, both in response to Tropical Storm Hilary; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Palmdale is not in session and has been unable to convene a regular, special, or emergency meeting; and

NOW, THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me as Director of Emergency Services of the City of Palmdale by the Charter of the City of Palmdale, California, California Government Code Section 8630 and Palmdale Municipal Code Section 2.28.040, I proclaim the existence of a local emergency within the City of Palmdale; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED, that this proclamation of local emergency shall, under Government Code Section 8630(b) and Municipal Code Section 2.28.040, remains in effect for a period of no greater than seven (7) days unless ratified by the Palmdale City Council; 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 the City of Palmdale, California shall be those prescribed by state law, ordinances, and resolutions of the City of Palmdale; and

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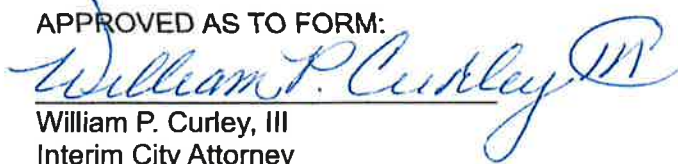
IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED, that a copy of this proclamation be forwarded by the City Clerk to the County to be forwarded to the Director of the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, requesting that the Director find it acceptable, per State law, that the Governor of California, under the Emergency Services Act, extend his issuance of the proclamation declaring an emergency in Los Angeles County; that the Governor waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts; that recovery assistance be made available under the California Disaster Assistance Act; and that the State expedites access to State and Federal resources and any other appropriate federal disaster relief programs.



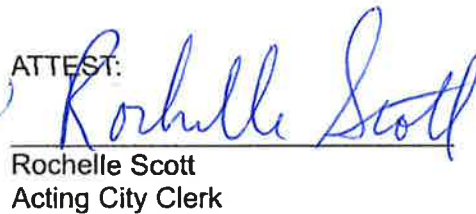
Ronda Perez
Director of Emergency Services

8/24/2023 12:00PM
Date Time

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


William P. Curley, III
Interim City Attorney

ATTEST:


Rochelle Scott
Acting City Clerk