RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 316106

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE MAR 1 3 2025

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO DECLARING A CONTINUED LOCAL EMERGENCY RELATED TO THE JANUARY 22, 2024 SEVERE WINTER STORM.

## **RECITALS**

The Council of the City of San Diego (Council) adopts this Resolution based on the following:

- A. On January 22, 2024, a severe winter storm occurred in San Diego.
- B. The storm produced a new record for daily precipitation with 2.73 inches of rain.
- C. The storm caused widespread flooding throughout the City of San Diego (City) and resulted in significant emergency response and recovery activities.
- D. The emergency responses included swift water rescue operations, traffic control, debris removal, cleaning and repairing of storm drains, and tree and mud removal.
- E. City public facilities incurred damage caused by flooding, high winds, and fallen trees.
- F. On January 22, 2024, Mayor Todd Gloria (Mayor) declared a local emergency, which the Council ratified on January 29, 2024, in San Diego Resolution R-315327, and extended most recently on January 14, 2025, in San Diego Resolution R-315992.
- G. On January 22, 2024, the County of San Diego proclaimed a local emergency due to the storm.
- H. On January 23, 2024, the Governor of California, Gavin Newsom, declared a state of emergency in San Diego due to the storm.

- I. On February 19, 2024, President Joseph R. Biden declared a major disaster in San Diego related to the storm and ordered federal assistance, making federal funding available to supplement state and local recovery efforts in impacted neighborhoods.
- J. Based on the severe impacts from the January 22, 2024 storm, and the City's ongoing recovery and assistance efforts, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property continue to persist within the City of San Diego.
- K. State financial assistance provided through the California Disaster Assistance Act may be available to the City due to the existing local emergency proclamation, coupled with the proclaimed state of emergency by the Governor of California.
- L. Additionally, through Council-approved funding for direct housing and rental assistance, impacted residents continue to work with the San Diego Housing Commission (Commission) to identify stable housing and receive continuing housing assistance payments.
- M. The Commission contracted with the Harvey Family Foundation to assess flood damage at homes within the City and to contract for labor and materials to complete necessary repairs. There are active restoration assistance efforts currently underway and additional assessments still under review.
- N. On January 7, 2025, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced the allocation of nearly \$12 billion in Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds for use nationwide. California will receive \$416,597,000 of those funds, and San Diego's January 22, 2024 storm is eligible for this disaster recovery funding. The specific amount awarded to San Diego will be determined at a later date.
- O. CDBG-DR funds may be used to replace affordable housing, strengthen infrastructure and public facilities, support economic revitalization, and implement disaster mitigation measures.

- P. The City's Department of Government Affairs is working with the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), County of San Diego, and the San Diego Housing Commission on an action plan to present to HUD. This action plan, which will be made available for public comment beginning March 14, 2025, will include how the State of California plans to issue the CDBG-DR funds, and the potential uses in San Diego. Once approved by HUD, HCD will develop the proposed funding programs. HCD will be the administrator of these funds, expected to be available in early 2026.
- Q. The ongoing provision of this critically needed relief necessitates continuing the state of local emergency.
- R. California Government Code (Government Code) section 8630 authorizes local governing bodies to proclaim local emergencies when such events occur as are defined by Government Code section 8558(c), provided further by section 8630 that the local governing body must review the state of emergency at least every 60 days until the emergency is declared to be terminated and shall proclaim the termination of the local emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant.
- S. The Office of the City Attorney has drafted this resolution based on the information provided by City staff with the understanding that this information is complete, true, and accurate.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of San Diego:

1. Under Government Code section 8630, a continued state of local emergency is declared to persist due to the January 22, 2024 severe winter storm.

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2. The measures previously taken by	the Mayor and the Council in Bull Diego		
Resolution R-315327 shall continue to have full f	orce and effect.		
APPROVED: HEATHER FERBERT, City Attorn	ney		
By Michelle A. Garland Assistant City Attorney	;		
MAG:hm March 6, 2025 Or.Dept: PSE CC No. N/A Doc. No. 3985848			
I certify that the Council of the City of San Diego adopted this Resolution at a meeting held on MAR 11 2025			
	DIANA J.S. FUENTES City Clerk		
	By Connie Patterson Deputy City Clerk		
Approved: 3(5(25 (date)	TODD GLORIA, Mayor		
Vetoed:(date)	TODD GLORIA, Mayor		

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