

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 315334

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE FEB 14 2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO REQUESTING EXPEDITIOUS SUBMISSION AND APPROVAL OF A MAJOR FEDERAL DISASTER DECLARATION IN RESPONSE TO THE JANUARY 22, 2024 WINTER STORM EVENT.

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2024, the City of San Diego (City) and surrounding areas experienced an unprecedented storm event that brought record level rainfalls in a short period of time; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Weather Service, January 22, 2024 was the fourth wettest day in San Diego since 1850; and

WHEREAS, this storm event overwhelmed critical infrastructure in the City communities of Mountain View, Encanto, Mt. Hope, Shelltown, Southcrest, Rolando, and San Ysidro, as well as critical infrastructure in neighboring cities and communities, and resulted in catastrophic flooding in the City’s most historically disadvantaged communities; and

WHEREAS, the human and economic impacts of this storm are severe, with many residents suffering major damage to their homes, businesses, and personal effects; and

WHEREAS, the City’s critical infrastructure including roads, bridges, and storm drains have been compromised, hindering communication, transportation, and access to essential services; and

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2024, City of San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria proclaimed a local emergency based on the severe winter storm, which was ratified by the Council of the City of San Diego on January 29, 2024; and

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2024, the County of San Diego also proclaimed a countywide local emergency due to the severe winter storm; and

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2024, the Governor of California, Gavin Newsom, declared a state of emergency in San Diego and Ventura Counties due to winter storms, including the storm on January 22, 2024; and

WHEREAS, City staff continue to work and expend resources to assist impacted communities, including removing debris and mud from streets, storm drains, and inlets, making repairs to infrastructure, and assisting those who have been displaced with finding vital resources; and

WHEREAS, City staff have assessed the damage and impacts of the storm and are engaged in a vigorous response and recovery effort; and

WHEREAS, City staff are in constant communication with county, state, and federal emergency officials; and

WHEREAS, state and federal representatives are in San Diego assessing and verifying initial damage estimates; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency has established damage assessment thresholds to trigger eligibility for public and individual federal assistance, including a process allowing consideration of equity and the socioeconomic conditions of those impacted by the disaster; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States may declare a major disaster based on a finding that the disaster is of such severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capabilities of the state and the affected local governments and that federal assistance is necessary, as stated in 42 U.S.C. § 5170; and

WHEREAS, a request for a federal major disaster declaration must be made by the Governor of California, as required by 42 U.S.C. § 5170 and further outlined in 44 C.F.R. § 206.36; and

WHEREAS, federal intervention and assistance will be necessary to ensure a prompt recovery for all San Diegans displaced and impacted by this historic storm event; and

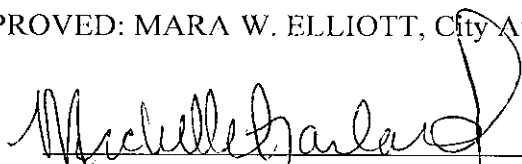
WHEREAS, the Office of the City Attorney has drafted this resolution based on the information provided by City staff, with the understanding that this information is complete, true, and accurate; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of San Diego (Council), that the Council requests California Governor Gavin Newsom to expeditiously submit to the federal government a request for a major disaster declaration for the January 22, 2024 storm.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council requests, upon submission by Governor Gavin Newsom, that President Joseph R. Biden expeditiously declare a major disaster for the January 22, 2024 storm.

APPROVED: MARA W. ELLIOTT, City Attorney

By



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Senior Chief Deputy City Attorney

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February 1, 2024

Or.Dept: Mayor's Office and Council District 8

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I certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of FEB 05 2024.

DIANA J.S. FUENTES  
City Clerk

By Kristeel Medina  
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 2/12/24  
(date)

Todd Gloria  
TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Vetoed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

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TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Passed by the Council of The City of San Diego on FEB 05 2024, by the following vote:

Councilmembers	Yeas	Nays	Not Present	Recused
Joe LaCava	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jennifer Campbell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephen Whitburn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
District 4 - vacant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marni von Wilpert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kent Lee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Raul A. Campillo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vivian Moreno	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sean Elo-Rivera	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Date of final passage FEB 14 2024

**(Please note: When a resolution is approved by the Mayor, the date of final passage is the date the approved resolution was returned to the Office of the City Clerk.)**

AUTHENTICATED BY:

TODD GLORIA  
Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

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DIANA J.S. FUENTES  
City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

By Kristell Medina, Deputy

Office of the City Clerk, San Diego, California

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