



AGENDA STAFF REPORT

Control: 26001865

MEETING DATE: 09/24/2026
LEGAL ENTITY TAKING ACTION: Board of Supervisors
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT(S): All Districts
SUBMITTING AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: Sheriff-Coroner
DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSON(S): Cory Martino, 714-647-1817
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SUBJECT: Resolution Ratifying Proclamation of Local Emergency - Hurricane Marie

CEO CONCUR

Concur

COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW

Approve resolution to form

CLERK OF THE BOARD

DISCUSSION

3 Votes Board Majority

Budgeted: N/A

Current Year Cost: N/A

Annual Cost: N/A

Staffing Impact: No

Sole Source: No

Current Fiscal Year

Funding Source: N/A

**County Audit in Last 3
years:** No

Revenue: N/A

Levine Act Review

Completed? N/A

Prior Board Action: N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

1. Adopt resolution ratifying the Chairman of the Emergency Management Council's Proclamation of Local Emergency for the 2026 Coastal Flooding due to Hurricane Marie and El Niño Winter Season.
2. Direct staff to agendize this item on the November 17, 2026, Board agenda for consideration of whether to continue the emergency proclamation in effect, pursuant to Government Code section 8630 and section 3-1-6(a) of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Orange.

SUMMARY:

Adopting the resolution to ratify the proclamation will allow the County assist impacted coastal communities and Jurisdictions to respond to and recover from damages caused by Hurricane Marie and prepare for anticipated severe weather impacts from El Niño related weather events.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In accordance with Government Code Section 8630, a local emergency may be proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Orange or by an official so designated by ordinance adopted by the Board of Supervisors.

On September 9, 2026, the City of Dana Point proclaimed a local emergency in the City of Dana Point due to coastal flooding in the City caused by Hurricane Marie, which caused damage to multiple properties in the City.

On September 10, 2026, the City of Laguna Beach proclaimed a local emergency in the City of Laguna Beach coastal areas due to dangerous beach conditions that resulted in significant sand movement and coastline erosion throughout the City, significant surf, rip currents, and resulted in the yellow tagging of six ocean front homes and temporary closure of City beaches and facilities caused by high tides and swells from Hurricane Marie.

On September 11, 2026, the Orange County Emergency Operations Center was activated pursuant to Cal. Code Regs. Title 19, Section 2409 (f) when two or more cities within the operational area have declared or proclaimed a local emergency.

On September 15, 2026, the City of San Clemente proclaimed a Local Emergency in response to weather and tidal events caused by Hurricane Marie that have resulted in significant damage to public infrastructure and private property in the City, and where sand served as a protective barrier to coastal infrastructure and homes has been lost to such extent that future buffering and berm protective measures may not be possible. Additionally, coastal wastewater infrastructure previously protected by sand and retaining walls has been exposed and could be vulnerable to future damages which could result in public health emergency. Furthermore, coastal railroad between Orange County and San Diego has suffered service disruption, track and slope damage, and emergency repairs.

The Climate Prediction Center (CPC) of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) estimates that storms like Hurricane Marie may proliferate during the upcoming 2026-2027 El Niño season, creating the possibility of further conditions of disaster or extreme peril to the safety of the public.

On September 17, 2026, the Chair of the Emergency Management Council of the County of Orange proclaimed a local emergency in response to damage caused by Hurricane Marie and in preparation for anticipated future El Niño related weather events.

On September 21, 2026, the Governor of the State of California acknowledged the likelihood of significant weather events this 2026-2027 El Niño winter season and declared a State of Emergency state-wide to enable impacted jurisdictions to move quickly to begin preparations for preventing and responding to the impacts of potential flooding and other weather related impacts associated with the severe weather.

Pursuant to Government Code section 8630 and Section 3-1-6 (a) of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Orange, the Chair of the Emergency Management Council's Proclamation of Local Emergency must be ratified within seven days and is being presented to the Board of Supervisors for ratification.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Emergency response and initial damage reports from the Operational Area are in process. County agencies are accumulating costs of response efforts related to the incident and will work to recover these costs from potential available funding sources.

STAFFING IMPACT:

N/A

REVIEWING AGENCIES/DEPARTMENTS:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A - Proclamation of Local Emergency

Attachment B - Codified Ordinance

Attachment C - Draft Resolution

Attachment D - Press Release

Attachment E - Governor's Declaration of State of Emergency