

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

September 24, 2026

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, Government Code section 8630 and Section 3-1-6(a) of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Orange empower the Director of Emergency Services to request the Chair of the Emergency Management Council to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency; subject to ratification by the Board of Supervisors within seven days; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, coastal railroad between Orange County and San Diego has suffered service disruption, track and slope damage, and emergency repairs; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Emergency Operations Center was activated at a “Low Level” on September 11, 2026, as is required by Cal. Code Regs. Title 19, Section 2409 (f) when two or more cities within the operational area have declared or proclaimed a local emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Prediction Center (CPC) of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) estimates that storms like Hurricane Marie and others may proliferate during the upcoming winter season which create the possibility of further El Nino weather related conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of the public; and

WHEREAS, impacts from Hurricane Marie and projected weather conditions are currently, and have the potential to become, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the territorial limits of the County of Orange which conditions are or have the potential to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of the County of Orange, and could require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat; and

WHEREAS, coastal cities have requested that the County proclaim a Local Emergency in its capacity as the representative of the Operational Area (OA) and in support of the needs of coastal communities and jurisdictions impacted by Hurricane Marie and additional concern about additional El Nino related weather events throughout the upcoming winter season; and

WHEREAS, the County of Orange wants to assist impacted jurisdictions with Hurricane Marie disaster response and proactively prepare for potential El Nino weather impacts.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors is required to ratify the local emergency proclaimed by the Chair of Emergency Management Council on September 17, 2026 within 7 days; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors also finds a local emergency does exist and shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Orange County Board of Supervisors does hereby ratify the Chair of the Emergency Management Council's September 17, 2026 Proclamation of a Local Emergency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of the County of Orange shall be vested in such persons as prescribed by federal and state law, by ordinances, resolutions, and by the County of Orange and Orange County Operational Area Unified Emergency Operations Plan now in effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all County departments and agencies take those actions, measures, and steps deemed necessary to assure the safety and welfare of Orange County citizens and property, including requesting mutual aid to the extent such aid is necessary.