



**AGENDA ITEM
AGENDA STAFF REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 05/27/2026
LEGAL ENTITY TAKING ACTION: Board of Supervisors
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT(S): All Districts
SUBMITTING AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: Sheriff-Coroner
DEPARTMENT HEAD REVIEW: _____
Department Head Signature
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SUBJECT: ADOPT RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL'S PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY ON 5/22/2026 FOR THE 2026 GARDEN GROVE HAZARDOUS MATERIAL INCIDENT; AND SET REVIEW TO DETERMINE CONTINUING NEED FOR EMERGENCY ACTION FOR JUNE 23, 2026, 9:30 A.M. AND EVERY 60 DAYS THEREAFTER.

CEO CONCUR	COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW	CLERK OF THE BOARD
_____	<i>Action</i>	Discussion
<i>CEO Signature</i>	<i>County Counsel Signature</i>	3 Votes Board Majority

Budgeted: No	Current Year Cost: See Financial Impact Section	Annual Cost: N/A
Staffing Impact: N/A	# of Positions:	Sole Source:
Current Fiscal Year Revenue: N/A		
Funding Source: See Financial Impact Section		County Audit in last 3 years No
Prior Board Action: N/A		

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S)
Adopt resolution ratifying the Chairman of the Emergency Management Council's Proclamation of Local Emergency for the 2026 Garden Grove Hazardous Material Incident.

SUMMARY:
Adopting the resolution to ratify the proclamation will allow the County to respond to and recover from the 2026 Garden Grove Hazardous Material Incident.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On Thursday, May 21, 2026, at approximately 1522 hours, a hazardous materials (vapor) release occurred at GKN Aerospace facility on Western Avenue. Evacuation Orders were initially issued at 1841 hours for areas surrounding the facility. The evacuation orders were lifted approximately 2030 hours.

On Friday, May 22, 2026, at 0607 hours, additional evacuation orders for impacted areas were launched due to the expanded potential damage radius projections. At 1116 hours, the evacuation area was further expanded.

The following cities are/were impacted by evacuation orders: Garden Grove, Stanton, Anaheim, Buena Park, Cypress, Los Alamitos, Westminster, and unincorporated Orange County. Additionally, the following jurisdictions are hosting/hosted human and animal shelters although they did not have residents evacuated: Costa Mesa, Fountain Valley, La Palma, Huntington Beach. Additional jurisdictions that are/were impacted included, but were not limited to, school districts, college districts, and water districts. Numerous business and non-governmental organizations were impacted by and provided support to incident response.

Unified Command consists of the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA), Garden Grove Police Department, Orange County Health Care Agency, Orange County Sheriff’s Department, Anaheim Police Department, and Cypress Police Department.

OCFA conducted a successful overnight operation on May 24th. The tank failure potential has been eliminated, and repopulation plans are being discussed. On Monday, May 25th, at 1800 hours, a reduced evacuation area was initiated. Repopulation efforts have commenced. Residents from the current impacted area remain in established shelters. As of Tuesday, May 26th, mitigation efforts continue and planning for longer-term hazard reduction and clean-up are underway.

The Orange County Emergency Operations Center was activated on May 22nd to support response operations. The County response so far has included efforts from the following agencies:

- County Executive Office
- Orange County Community Resources
- Orange County Health Care Agency
- Orange County Sheriff’s Department
- Orange County Social Services Agency
- Orange County Public Works
- Orange County Waste & Recycling
- John Wayne Airport
- Registrar of Voters
- *Orange County Fire Authority (JPA)
- *Orange County Transportation Authority (JPA)

On May 22, 2026, Assistant Chief Bayric Hunter (OCFA), Director of Emergency Services, requested the Proclamation of a Local Emergency in the affected areas of Orange County; Supervisor Chaffee executed the Proclamation that day. Pursuant to Government Code Section 8630 and Section 3-1-6(a) of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Orange, this Proclamation of Local Emergency is presented to the Board of Supervisors (Board) for ratification.

On Sunday, May 24, 2026, Governor Gavin Newsome accepted the local proclamation and declared a State of Emergency for the affected areas of Orange County.

On Monday, May 25, 2026, President Donald Trump accepted the State of Emergency and declared a Presidential Declaration for affected areas in Orange County.

As additional information becomes available, the Board will be updated and kept apprised of this process.

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

ATTACHMENT(S):

Attachment A - Proclamation of Local Emergency

Attachment B - Government Code Section 8630 and Section 3-1-6(a) of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Orange

Attachment C - Draft Resolution