

## CITY OF NATIONAL CITY

### Proclamation of Local Emergency (by Emergency Services Director)

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance No. 1335 of the City of National City empowers the Emergency Services Director to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a Local Emergency when said City is affected, or likely to be affected, by a public calamity and the City Council is not in session; and

**WHEREAS**, the Emergency Services Director of the City of National City does hereby find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within National City, caused by severe rainstorm and subsequent damage caused by flood commencing on or about 7:00 a.m. on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the rainstorm was of extreme, unusual and unpredicted severity, dropping over 3 inches of rain in a single 24-hour period, a total that exceeds that of an average wet month and rivals the rainfall needed to spur a 100-year flood event; and

**WHEREAS**, also on the morning of January 22, 2024, and coinciding with the acute rain event, a high tide crested at 6.56 feet, with this high-water level curtailing the ability for natural drainage into the San Diego Bay and compounding the rain's negative effects, causing widespread flooding, pooling, ponding and rain blown water that encroached into facilities, residences, and businesses and made roads unpassable and dangerous; and

**WHEREAS**, the extreme volume of rain clogged the City's storm drain systems and inundated the City's streets, impairing the normal operation of essential City infrastructure and impacting residences, businesses and facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Emergency Services Director received input and determined that (1) conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property had arisen within National City caused by the severe storm conditions; and (2) these conditions required emergency response, with the potential need for resources beyond the capacity and control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 23, 2024, the Governor of the State of California issued a proclamation of a state of emergency for San Diego and Ventura counties due to the historic rainfall experienced in these counties; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of National City is not in session and cannot immediately be called into session; and

**WHEREAS**, this Proclamation of Local Emergency shall be submitted to the City Council for ratification pursuant to law.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED** by the Emergency Services Director for the City of National City that a Local Emergency exists throughout National City and that said Local Emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the City Council.

**IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that during the existence of said Local Emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the Emergency Services Director and the emergency organization of National City shall be those prescribed by state law, charter, ordinances, and resolutions of this jurisdiction as approved by the City Council.

**IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that the Emergency Services Director, Assistant Emergency Services Director, who shall be appointed by the director are hereby designated as the authorized representatives of the City of National City for the purpose of receipt, processing, and coordination of all inquiries and requirements necessary to obtain available state and federal assistance.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that a copy of this Proclamation of Local Emergency be forwarded to the State Director of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services with a request that the State Director find the Proclamation of Local Emergency acceptable in accordance with provisions of the Natural Disaster Assistance Act.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Emergency Services Director for the City of National City, State of California, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024.



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Benjamin A. Martinez  
Emergency Services Director (City Manager)