

STAFF REPORT

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Date: December 8, 2015

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Mark V. Bozigian, City Manager
Jason Caudle, Deputy City Manager

Subject: **Resolution Confirming the Continued Existence of a Local Emergency, and Confirming the Continuing Need for Emergency Repair and Redesign of Certain City Drainage Systems**

Recommendation:

Adopt **Resolution No. 15-68**, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, confirming the continued existence of a local emergency in the City of Lancaster, California, and confirming the continuing need for emergency repair and redesign of certain City drainage systems.

Fiscal Impact:

Staff will return to Council with future revenue, expense, or cost reimbursement appropriations recommendations.

Background:

On October 15, 2015, at approximately 4:45 p.m., the City of Lancaster and much of the greater Antelope Valley was hit by a major rainstorm, which produced between three and six inches of rain in some areas over an approximate 3 hour period. This extreme storm event, referred to as the "West Lake Incident," resulted in flash flooding and a tremendous amount of water, debris, and mudflow throughout much of the City. The City Manager, acting as the Director of Emergency Services for the City per the Lancaster Municipal Code, proclaimed the existence of a local emergency on October 20, 2015. The Proclamation found that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property in the City had arisen.

On October 27, 2015, the City Council ratified the proclamation declaring the existence of a local emergency. The City Council further found and declared that as a result of the local emergency, immediate repair and redesign of several City drainage systems was necessary to allow these facilities to accommodate a substantial volume of rapidly moving mud flow that may accompany significant water flow in future storm events. As a result of these findings, the City was authorized to take any and all actions required to undertake such repair and redesign, and to procure the necessary equipment, services and supplies required for those purposes, without giving notice for bids to let contracts, in accordance with and as expressly authorized by Section 22050 of the Public Contracts Code.

On November 10, 2015, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 15-65, confirming the continued existence of the local emergency, and further confirming the continuing need for emergency repair and redesign of certain City drainage systems.

City staff and contractors have cleared a substantial amount of debris and mud from City roads and drainage channels, emergency mitigation work is continuing in the form of upgrading drainage swales and outlets along with repairing block walls. While much progress has been made, the emergency repairs are not fully completed. Until such time as the work is finished, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property will continue to exist in the event of further storms and the accompanying substantial water and mud flow.

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt **Resolution No. 15-68**, to confirm the continued existence of the local emergency, as required by the California Emergency Services Act (Cal. Gov't. Code §§8550-8668), and to further confirm the immediate necessity to complete the repair and redesign of certain City drainage facilities in order to protect life safety and property in future storm events.

Attachment:

Resolution No. 15-68