

STAFF REPORT

City of Lancaster

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Date: January 12, 2016

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Mark V. Bozigian, City Manager

Subject: **Termination of a Local Emergency, and Confirming the Powers and Duties of the Director of Emergency Services During the Local Emergency**

Recommendations:

Adopt **Resolution No. 16-01**, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, proclaiming the termination of a local emergency in the City of Lancaster, California, and confirming the powers and duties of the Director of Emergency Services during the local emergency.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Background:

On October 15, 2015, the City of Lancaster and much of the greater Antelope Valley was hit by a major rainstorm, referred to as the "West Lake Incident," which 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 in accordance with 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. Additionally, the City Council found and declared that as a result of the local emergency, immediate expenditure of public money was necessary to safeguard life, health and property, and accordingly authorized the expenditure of any sum required in the emergency without complying with the State regulations concerning local agency public construction, as expressly authorized by Section 20168 of the Public Contracts Code.

The City Council further found and declared that immediate repair and redesign of several City drainage systems was necessary to mitigate identified conditions of extreme peril to persons and property in the event of future storms. 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 and December 8, 2015, the City Council adopted Resolution Nos. 15-65 and 15-68, respectively, confirming the continued existence of the local emergency, and further confirming the continuing need for emergency expenditures and for the emergency repairs and redesign.

The emergency work has now been completed, at Woodstone Lane, Camden Way, Lyric Avenue, 59th Street West and Elena Street. The work included removing debris, excavating and installing drainage improvements. Specifically, concrete cut-off walls and aprons were installed, which greatly increase the volume of water and debris flow these areas can accommodate. Tubular steel fencing and gates were installed as well, which allow debris and water to flow through to the large drainage basin or out into the open desert field, rather than backing up as was experienced during the West Lake Incident.

Staff recommends that City Council adopt **Resolution No. 16-01**, to proclaim the termination of the local emergency effective immediately, and to confirm that, during the local emergency, the City Manager's powers and duties, in the capacity as Director of Emergency Services, extended to and included executing all agreements related to emergency expenditures and repairs as authorized by the City Council in Resolution No. 15-61 and confirmed in Resolution Nos. 15-65 and 15-68.

Attachment:

Resolution No. 16-01