



**IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION NO. 37-2022**

**ADOPTING PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY  
WITHIN IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT'S IMPERIAL COUNTY SERVICE  
TERRITORY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA: IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF  
WINTERHAVEN AND BARD**

**WHEREAS**, on Wednesday, August 10, 2022, at approximately 6:05 p.m., a powerful windstorm event producing exceptionally high winds struck the Winterhaven and Bard areas of the electrical service territory of the Imperial Irrigation District and caused extreme peril to the safety of persons and property for those living in these unincorporated areas. The affected area lies within Imperial County;

**WHEREAS**, the windstorm damaged some of the district's energy infrastructure and other property serving the Winterhaven and Bard areas, including sixty-eight transmission power poles and associated distribution infrastructure. This damage caused the loss of electric utility service to over eight hundred fifty rate-payers. The damage resulting from the windstorm event is still being assessed by district personnel and will be incorporated into a comprehensive schedule of repairs to be performed;

**WHEREAS**, California Government Code Section 8558(c) defines a "[l]ocal emergency" as "the duly proclaimed existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property . . . caused by conditions such as . . . [a] storm . . . [and/or] sudden and severe energy shortage . . . which are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of that political subdivision";

**WHEREAS**, the district's Office of Emergency Management Supervisor declared the existence of a "local emergency" in connection with the August 10, 2022 storm event on August 10, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the adoption of a resolution proclaiming the existence of a local emergency by the district's governing board is necessary to ratify and adopt the emergency proclamation of its Office of Emergency Management Supervisor on August 10, 2022. Such resolution will help to ensure the district's eligibility to receive reimbursement monies from the State of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services for repair and/or replacement of the district's electric infrastructure damaged in the windstorm.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that:**

- 1) Imperial Irrigation District hereby finds that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within its Imperial County service territory, at the unincorporated areas of Winterhaven and Bard, resulting from the August 10, 2022 windstorm event which are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the district, a political subdivision, as defined by Government Code Section 8557(b);
- 2) Imperial Irrigation District hereby ratifies the proclamation of its Office of Emergency Management Supervisor issued August 10, 2022 and hereby proclaims the existence of a local emergency within its Imperial County service territory, in the unincorporated areas of Winterhaven and Bard, in connection with the August 10, 2022 windstorm;
- 3) Staff is directed to expedite and complete repair and/or replacement of the district's energy infrastructure damaged in the August 10, 2022 windstorm;
- 4) Staff is directed to document all hours worked, material utilized and vehicle usage associated with the district's response to the August 10, 2022 windstorm and to report that information to the district's Office of Emergency Management; and
- 5) The district's Office of Emergency Management is directed to execute all powers conferred upon it by any statute, by any agreement approved by the Imperial Irrigation District Board of Directors or by any other lawful authority to effect all necessary repairs and/or replacement of its electric infrastructure damaged in connection with the August 10, 2022 windstorm and to seek any and all reimbursement available through the State of California, Office of Emergency Services.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2022.



**IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

  
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President

  
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Secretary