

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HILDA L. SOLIS

December 31, 2025

Ratification of Proclamation of Local Emergency for the Late December Winter

Storm

Since Tuesday, December 23, 2025, a series of atmospheric rivers have brought high-intensity rainfall and strong winds to Los Angeles County (County), heightening the risk of flooding, landslides, debris flows, and rapidly rising creeks and rivers. The National Weather Service reported moderate to heavy rainfall from Tuesday, December 23 through Friday, December 26, with additional showers possible later in the week. In addition, a brief tornado warning was issued on December 24, 2025, for Alhambra, Monterey Park, and South and East Pasadena; that warning has since been canceled. A flash flood warning was also issued in the San Gabriel foothills. The storm increases the risk of flooding and debris flows, particularly in areas affected by recent wildfires. County officials are closely coordinating emergency operations and resources throughout the storm.

On December 23, 2025, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Chair Hilda L. Solis hosted a press conference in anticipation of the storm to provide residents of Los

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Angeles County updates on the flood watch, sandbag distribution sites, mud and debris flow forecasts, rain preparedness tips, road conditions and other related resources. County departments were directed to actively monitor conditions and stand ready to respond to any emergencies. On Wednesday, December 24, 2025, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency for Los Angeles County, mobilizing additional resources to support local response and recovery.

On December 24, 2025, pursuant to Government Code sections 8558(c) and 8630 and Los Angeles County Code section 2.68.110, the Chair of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Hilda L. Solis proclaimed the existence of a local emergency based on the Late December Winter Storm (Proclamation of Local Emergency) in the County. The Proclamation of Local Emergency finds that there exist conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property caused by the Late December Winter Storm and its aftermath in the County, which are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the County, and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat.

The Proclamation of Local Emergency enables the County to more effectively respond to the impacts of the Late December Winter Storm, accelerate the procurement of vital supplies, seek and utilize mutual aid, and potentially obtain reimbursement and assistance from the State and Federal government.

Pursuant to Government Code section 8630(b) and Los Angeles County Code section 2.68.110, the Proclamation of Local Emergency shall not remain in effect for a period in excess of seven days unless it has been ratified by the Board of Supervisors (Board).

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Ratify the attached Proclamation of Local Emergency made on December 24, 2025, based on the Late December Winter Storm in the County of Los Angeles, which proclamation shall remain in effect until its termination is proclaimed by the Board; and
- 2) Forward a copy of the Proclamation of Local Emergency to the Director of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services with the request that the Director find it acceptable in accordance with State law; that recovery assistance be made available under the California Disaster Assistance Act; and that the State expedite access to State and Federal resources and any other appropriate federal disaster relief programs; and
- 3) Direct County Departments to implement all assessment, assistance, and monitoring efforts as applicable.

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**PROCLAMATION OF EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR THE LATE
DECEMBER WINTER STORM BY THE CHAIR OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

WHEREAS, Chapter 2.68 of the Los Angeles County Code provides that the Chair of the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors (Chair) may proclaim the existence of a local emergency when the Board of Supervisors (Board) is not in session pursuant to Government Code sections 8630 and 8558(c); and

WHEREAS, a "local emergency," is defined in Government Code section 8558(c)(1), in pertinent part, as follows: "[l]ocal emergency' means the duly proclaimed existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the territorial limits of a county . . . caused by conditions such as air pollution, fire, flood, storm, epidemic, riot, drought, cyberterrorism, sudden and severe energy shortage, deenergization event . . . plant or animal infestation or disease . . . or an earthquake, or other conditions . . . which are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of that political subdivision and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat . . . "; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the Late December Winter Storm, the County of Los Angeles (County) has been impacted by high winds, substantial precipitation, potential tornado and thunderstorm activity, closure and damage to highways and roads, evacuation orders and warnings in areas impacted by burn scars, significant debris flows, river and urban flooding, land movement incidents, and widespread power outages. Such conditions are or are likely to be beyond the control of the resources of the County. Coordination, collaboration, and the combined forces of other jurisdictions are imperatively needed to effectively respond to and recover from the Late Winter December Storm; and

WHEREAS, as of December 23, 2025, there exists conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property on the basis of the Late December Winter Storm, which are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the County, and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat; and

WHEREAS, these conditions warrant and necessitate that the County proclaim the existence of a local emergency for the Late December Winter Storm.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Chair finds that conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons exist on the basis of the Late December Winter Storm within the meaning of Government Code section 8558(c)(1), and such conditions are or will likely be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the County and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat; and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND PROCLAIMED by the Chair that a local emergency exists for the Late December Winter Storm, and the local emergency shall not remain in effect for a period in excess of seven days unless it has been ratified by the Board; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND PROCLAIMED that, during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of the County shall be those prescribed by State law, by ordinances, and resolutions of the County; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND PROCLAIMED that a copy of this proclamation be forwarded to the Director of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Director) requesting that the Director find it acceptable in accordance with State law; that the Governor of the State of California (State) waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts; that recovery assistance be made available under the California Disaster Assistance Act; and that the State expedite access to State and federal resources and any other appropriate federal disaster relief programs.

Date: December 24, 2025

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Hilda L. Solis", is written over a horizontal line.

HILDA L. SOLIS

Chair, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

