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As a result of the 2026-2027 El Niño Event, the County of Los Angeles (County) is overwhelmingly likely to be impacted by a historic strength El Niño event including atmospheric rivers, high winds, substantial precipitation, elevated coastal baseline water levels, high tides, large waves, high surf, coastal storms, coastal flooding, erosion, 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 prepare for, respond to, and recover from the 2026-2027 El Niño Event.

As of September 21, 2026, the Governor of the State of California (State) has proclaimed a state of emergency statewide due to the developing 2026-2027 El Niño event.

On September 23, 2026, 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 (Chair), proclaimed the existence of a local emergency for

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the 2026-2027 El Niño Event (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 due to the impacts of 2026-2027 El Niño Event on and within 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 prepare for and combat.

The Proclamation of Local Emergency enables the County to more effectively prepare for and respond to the 2026-2027 El Niño Event, 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 September 23, 2026, for the 2026-2027 El Niño Event, in the County of Los Angeles. The Proclamation of Local Emergency shall remain in effect until its termination is proclaimed by the Board; and
2. Direct the Chief Executive-Office of Emergency Management to forward a copy of the Proclamation of Local Emergency to the Director of California

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Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Director) and request the Director to find it acceptable in accordance with State law; that the Governor of the State waive regulations that may hinder preparedness, response and recovery efforts; and that the State expedite access to State and Federal resources and any other appropriate federal preparedness 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 2026-2027 EL NIÑO EVENT 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 2026-2027 El Niño Event, the County of Los Angeles (County) is overwhelmingly likely to be impacted by a historic strength El Niño event including atmospheric rivers, high winds, substantial precipitation, elevated coastal baseline water levels, high tides, large waves, high surf, coastal storms, coastal flooding, erosion, 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 prepare for, respond to, and recover from the 2026-2027 El Niño Event; and

WHEREAS, as of September 21, 2026, the Governor of the State of California (State) has proclaimed a state of emergency statewide due to the developing 2026-2027 El Niño event; and

WHEREAS, low-income communities, farmworker families, rural residents, seniors, persons with disabilities, access and function needs, residents with limited transportation access, people experiencing homelessness, and communities in flood-prone, coastal, or post-fire areas may face disproportionate risks; and

WHEREAS, as of September 23, 2026, there exists conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property on the basis of the 2026-2027 El Niño Event, 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 prepare for and combat; and

WHEREAS, these conditions warrant and necessitate that the County proclaim the existence of a local emergency for the 2026-2027 El Niño Event.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board finds that conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons exist on the basis of the 2026-2027 El Niño Event 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 prepare for and combat; and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND PROCLAIMED by the Board that a local emergency exists for the 2026-2027 El Niño Event; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND PROCLAIMED that the Board shall review the need for continuing the local emergency as required by State and local law until it terminates the local emergency and shall terminate this local emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant; 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 waive regulations that may hinder preparedness, response and recovery efforts; and that the State expedite access to State and federal resources and any other appropriate preparedness programs.

Date: September 23, 2026

Hilda L. Solis

HILDA L. SOLIS
Chair, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: EDWARD YEN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER
CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By_____, Deputy