

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PROCLAMATION OF EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY

(By Director of Emergency Services)

WHEREAS, California Government Code section 8630 and San Bernardino County Code section 21.0101 et seq. empower the Chief Executive Officer to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when San Bernardino County is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the Board of Supervisors is not in session;

WHEREAS, the Chief Executive Officer of San Bernardino County does hereby find:

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2025, the National Weather Service issued a Flood Watch describing conditions of damage within San Bernardino County; and,

WHEREAS, on December 23, 2025, the National Weather Service issued a series of Flash Flood Warnings describing conditions of damage and extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within San Bernardino County; and,

WHEREAS, as of December 23, 2025, the incident has prompted a multi-agency and multi-jurisdictional response, involving coordination among County departments, city and town governments, fire and law enforcement agencies, and state and federal partners; and,

WHEREAS, on December 24, 2025, the flash flooding occurred within the boundaries of San Bernardino County, primarily within the communities of Wrightwood, City of Yucaipa, and City of Hesperia, posing a threat to lives, structures, property, and the environment within San Bernardino County communities; and,

WHEREAS, on December 24, 2025, a Care and Reception Center was established at Serrano High School on 9292 Sheep Creek Road, in the City of Phelan, California; and,

WHEREAS, on December 25, 2025, pending ongoing confirmation, various homes have been damaged or destroyed within the communities of Wrightwood; and,

WHEREAS, as of December 25, 2025, the ongoing impact has necessitated immediate action to protect the safety and well-being of San Bernardino County residents and to mitigate further damage; and

WHEREAS, the incident has necessitated evacuation warnings issued by the San Bernardino County Sheriff/Coroner/Public Administrator, and the incident is an ongoing threat to San Bernardino County communities; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of supervisors of San Bernardino County is not in session and cannot immediately be called into session;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a local emergency exists throughout San Bernardino County; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that as of this date all County departments and agencies take those actions, measures and steps deemed necessary to assure the safety and welfare of San Bernardino County residents and property, including requesting mutual aid to the extent such aid is necessary and during the existence of said local emergency the powers and duties of the emergency organization of the County shall be those prescribed by State law, by charter, ordinance, and resolutions of this County, and by the current San Bernardino County Emergency Plan, as approved by the Board of Supervisors.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that this local emergency be ratified by the County Board of Supervisors in accordance with section 8630 of the California Government Code.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that said local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination of proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors or it is terminated by operation of law.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that a copy of this proclamation be forwarded to the Governor of California.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that a copy of this proclamation be forwarded to the Director of the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that the San Bernardino County Director of Emergency Services/County Chief Executive Officer shall be entitled to sign and transmit an electronic signature of this Proclamation (whether by facsimile, PDF or other mail transmission), which signature shall be binding on the party whose name is contained therein.

Dated: December 25, 2025

Time of Signing: 2:50 pm



Luther Snoke

Director of Emergency Services, County Chief Executive Officer
San Bernardino County