



**CITY OF SAN DIEGO
PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY
BY MAYOR TODD GLORIA**

WHEREAS, California Government Code section 8630 and San Diego Municipal Code section 51.0105(a)(1) empower the Mayor, as the Director of Emergency Services, to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when conditions of disaster or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property exist within the City of San Diego; and

WHEREAS, at the time of this proclamation the City Council has adjourned to its next scheduled session for Monday, October 5, 2026; and

WHEREAS, on September 21, 2026, the Governor of California, Gavin Newsom, proclaimed a state of emergency in anticipation of the historic 2026–2027 El Niño season; and

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2026, County of San Diego’s Chief Administrative Officer Ebony Shelton proclaimed a state of emergency on behalf of the County Board of Supervisors to allow the county to deploy all available responses, actions, and measures deemed necessary to ensure the safety of residents and property; and

WHEREAS, conditions of disaster and extreme peril to the safety of persons and property are anticipated to arise within the City of San Diego as a result of the ongoing historic El Niño season, expected to continue from this date until early 2027, directly affecting the safety of persons and property within this City; and

WHEREAS, these weather conditions may bring heavier than usual rainfall, larger and stronger surf, beach erosion, significant flooding, extreme heat, mudslides, power outages, infrastructure impacts, downed trees, and other hazardous conditions; and

WHEREAS, these emergency conditions and their impacts will likely be beyond the control of local resources, services, personnel, equipment, and facilities; and

WHEREAS, since Summer 2026, the City’s Office of Emergency Services has coordinated a Citywide El Niño Preparedness Working Group, an interdepartmental body composed of numerous operational teams, focused on identifying and analyzing gaps in current capabilities, coordinating across City departments to develop integrated plans and procedures, enhancing interagency collaboration by strengthening coordination with external partners, and designing and implementing a comprehensive public communications

campaign that promotes personal preparedness and informs the community of the City's readiness efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Citywide El Niño Preparedness Working Group has focused on key objectives and actions such as public sandbag distribution, evacuation routes, emergency access points, extreme temperature response and planning, debris removal, shoreline and bay protective berms, Emergency Operations Center responder trainings, developing educational preparedness materials and messaging, and critical vendor and contract readiness assessments, among other key projects; and

WHEREAS, these anticipated conditions warrant and necessitate the proclamation of a local emergency; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a local emergency currently exists, and is anticipated to exist until early 2027, within the City of San Diego due to the historic El Niño season.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of this local emergency, the powers, functions and duties of the Mayor of this City shall be those prescribed by state law and the San Diego Charter, ordinances, resolutions and approved plans of the City of San Diego in order to mitigate the effects of this local emergency, including the receipt, processing, and coordination of all inquiries and requirements necessary to obtain available state and federal assistance.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that a state of local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist for the next seven days unless ratified by the City Council, and then until its termination is proclaimed by the City Council of the City of San Diego.

Dated: October 2, 2026

Time: 12:35PM

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Mayor Todd Gloria