

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
SUPPLEMENTAL DOCKET NUMBER 2  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2015, AT 2:00 PM  
CITY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 12<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
202 “C” STREET  
SAN DIEGO, CA 92101**

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**ADOPTION AGENDA, DISCUSSION, COMMITTEE ITEMS**  
**COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, RESOLUTIONS:**

ITEM-S401: A Resolution of the City Council Declaring a State of Emergency regarding anticipated El Niño weather conditions. (Citywide.)

**ITEM DESCRIPTION:**

Heavy rains associated with winter storms resulting from El Niño weather conditions can cause severe flooding within many areas of the city. This action would approve a resolution declaring a local state of emergency in anticipation of forecasted El Niño weather conditions.

**TODAY'S ACTION IS:**

Adopt the following resolution:

(R-2016-249)

Declaring that a state of emergency exists due to the imminent risk of flooding caused by El Niño, pursuant to the authority granted to the City Council by California Government Code Section 8630;

Declaring that during the existence of this local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the Mayor and City shall be those prescribed by state law, the City Charter, ordinances, resolutions, and approved plans of the City;

Declaring that the City requests that the Governor proclaim a state of emergency;

Declaring that the City requests that the Governor suspend any section of Division 7 of the California Water Code, Division 13 of the California Public Resources Code, or Division 2 through 6 of the California Fish and Game Code that would prevent, hinder, or delay state or local agencies' efforts to maintain and repair essential drainage and flood control infrastructure;

Declaring that the City Clerk forward a copy of this resolution to the Governor with the request that he proclaim the City of San Diego to be in a state of emergency.

**STAFF SUPPORTING INFORMATION:**

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS: N/A

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL AND/OR COMMITTEE ACTION:**

This item was heard at the Environment Committee meeting on November 4, 2015. Motion by Councilmember Emerald, second by Chair Alvarez, to direct the City Attorney to draft a local state of emergency in anticipation of heavy winter storms related to forecasted El Niño weather conditions and that Council request that the Governor also declare a state of emergency. Direct Transportation and Storm Water Department staff to file all needed permits with the appropriate regulatory agencies to perform emergency work in identified high flood risk channels. Request that each Councilmember submit areas of concern within their districts that may flood to the Transportation and Storm Water Department so that those areas can be considered in the department's efforts to perform preventative and/or emergency maintenance to prevent flooding conditions.

VOTE: 4-0; Alvarez-yea, Gloria-yea, Cate-yea, Emerald-yea.

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