

RESOLUTION NO. 04-20

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE RUNNING SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OF AN EMERGENCY SITUATION AND LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO THE WORLDWIDE SPREAD OF COVID-19.

WHEREAS, Sections Government Code 8634 and empowers the Board of Directors promulgate orders and regulations necessary to provide for the protection of life and property during a local emergency; and

WHEREAS, from January 2020 to March 2020, COVID-19 (“Corona Virus Disease Number 19”) spread throughout the world, with over hundreds of thousands of confirmed cases of individuals contracting COVID-19, and tens of thousands confirmed cases of individuals dying from COVID19; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom of the State of California declared a State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino proclaimed the existence of a local emergency for all of San Bernardino County in response to the outbreak of the COVID-19 in California and its impact on the County of San Bernardino (“County Proclamation”); and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) publicly characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, as of the date of this Resolution, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) is reporting tens of thousands of cases of COVID-19 in the United States, with over a thousand deaths, with every state reporting cases, including California; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the President of the United States imposed certain travel bans and limitations in response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the State of California and numerous other public and private organizations have announced the cancellation or postponement of all events where social distancing cannot be achieved; and

WHEREAS, in response to the COVID-19 outbreak, resources from the District have been required to take action to limit the outbreak, provide for the safety of persons in the District,

and provide for continuity of the essential services of Water, Wastewater and Fire Protection provided by the District; and

WHEREAS, the District is actively providing support to those impacted by COVID-19 and cooperating with County and federal agencies in their response to the outbreak;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE RUNNING SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the above recitals are true and correct and based thereon, the Board hereby finds that the spread and potential spread of COVID-19 constitutes both a situation that severely impairs the public health and safety within the District and has created conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the District.

Section 2. That, based on the foregoing, a “local emergency” as declared by the County of San Bernardino hereby exists within the territorial jurisdiction of the District.

Section 3. That during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the District shall be those prescribed by state law and by ordinances and resolutions of the District Board.

Section 4. That the General Manager and Fire Chief are hereby authorized to exercise their powers and duties as provided in section 2.11 of the District’s purchasing policy.

Section 5. That the General Manager and Fire Chief, pursuant to Government Code section 8634, are hereby authorized to furnish information, to promulgate orders and regulations necessary to provide for the protection of life and property, to enter into agreements and to take all actions necessary to implement preventative measures to protect and preserve the public and staff within the scope of the local emergency hereby declared including making hiring decisions to ensure staffing necessities are met during the emergency and seeking reimbursements from the State and Federal government regarding COVID-19 expenditures.

Section 6. That the District may be required to call emergency board meetings pursuant to Section 3.6 of the District By-Laws and Government Code section 54956.5.

Section 7. That all District departments shall track costs for staffing, supplies, and equipment related to COVID-19 preparation and prevention and forward that information to the District’s finance department.

Section 8. That the General Manager and Fire Chief are authorized to waive any competitive bidding requirements imposed by District policies and resolutions based on the finding above that emergency conditions exist related to COVID-19.

Section 9. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately and that widespread publicity and notice shall be given said Resolution through the most feasible and adequate means of disseminating such notice throughout the District.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 31st day of March, 2020.

AYES: ACCIANI, CONRAD, GRABOW, MACKZUM, TERRY
NOES: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
ABSENT: 0



Tony Grabow, President, Board of Directors

Attest:



Secretary of the Board

