FROM: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT:

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT: Adopt Resolution No. 2017-120, and authorize application for federal and state disaster assistance on behalf of the Riverside County Operational Area (OA) for a period of up to three years.

[District: All] [$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2017-120: Signature Authority for Disaster Assistance from the Governor’s Office of Emergency Services for Non-State Agencies for application for federal/state disaster assistance under Public Law 93-288 and the California Disaster Assistance Act, and;

2. Authorize Emergency Management Department (EMD) to apply for State and/or Federal reimbursement to the Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) and/or the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for all Gubernatorial and/or presidentially declared disasters for a period of up to three (3) years following the date of this approval.

ACTION: Policy
C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE

BACKGROUND:
Summary
On January 18-23, 2017 the County of Riverside along with several surrounding counties suffered significant damage during a storm series. As a result, Riverside County was included in the Gubernatorial Proclamation of Local Emergency and the Presidential Declaration of a State of Emergency for the event. Our inclusion in the proclamation and declaration entitle Riverside County on behalf of the Operational Area (OA) to apply for state and federal disaster recovery funding.

The Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recovery funding will enable Riverside County departments and OA jurisdictions affected by the disaster to recover up to approximately 93% of disaster-related response and recovery costs, including eligible personnel and equipment.

As part of the financial long-term recovery process, Riverside County Emergency Management Department (EMD), as the authorized County representative, will coordinate reimbursement funding in collaboration with the Auditor-Controller and affected departments. This Form 11 and Authorized Agent Resolution will allow identified EMD representatives to request and receive this funding on behalf of the County.

Impact on Residents and Businesses
These funds are used to recover costs associated with the January 18-23, 2017 storm disaster response. CalOES and FEMA assist affected county departments in the identification of eligible projects/costs. Once reviewed and approved, reimbursement funding is provided. The eligible reimbursement costs will be distributed to each department based on supporting documents provided to CalOES and FEMA during the recovery process.

SUPPLEMENTAL:
Additional Fiscal Information
Riverside County suffered moderate damage as a result of the storm and there were significant personnel and equipment costs as a result. In support of the storm response efforts the County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was activated for two days and additional personnel costs were incurred. All of these costs are being requested as part of the reimbursement process;
however, it is unknown exactly how much will be reimbursed as all supporting documentation must first be reviewed and approved for eligibility by CalEOS and FEMA. It is estimated at this time that the approximate total amount that will be requested for County Departments is $3,900,000.

ATTACHMENT:

a) Designation of Applicant’s Agent Resolution for Non-State Agencies

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