

**February 19, 2019**

**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS**

*The Minutes of the*

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO**

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MEETING AGENDA  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2020, 2:00 PM**  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS NORTH CHAMBER  
1600 PACIFIC HIGHWAY, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

**Order of Business**

A. REGULAR SESSION – Special Meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Supervisors Greg Cox, Chairman; Jim Desmond, Vice-Chairman; Dianne Jacob; Kristin Gaspar; Nathan Fletcher; also, Andrew Potter, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

B. Discussion Items

NOTICE: THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAY TAKE ANY ACTION WITH RESPECT TO THE ITEMS INCLUDED ON THIS AGENDA. RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY COUNTY STAFF DO NOT LIMIT ACTIONS THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAY TAKE. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SHOULD NOT RELY UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE BOARD LETTER AS DETERMINATIVE OF THE ACTION THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAY TAKE ON A PARTICULAR MATTER.

**Board of Supervisors' Agenda Items**

<b>Category</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Subject</b>
Health and Human Services	1.	RATIFY PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY AND RATIFY DECLARATION OF LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY REGARDING COVID-19

**1. SUBJECT: RATIFY PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY AND RATIFY DECLARATION OF LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY REGARDING COVID-19 (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

A novel coronavirus (COVID-19) was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province in China in December 2019. Since then, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a public health emergency of international concern. On January 31, 2020, Health and Human Services Secretary Alex M. Azar II declared this global outbreak a public health emergency for the United States.

On February 14, 2020, the San Diego County Public Health Officer issued a Declaration of Local Health Emergency, pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 101080, as a result of the international COVID-19 outbreak. Additionally, on February 14, pursuant to California Government Code 8630, the Chief Administrative Officer serving as the County of San Diego (County) Director of Emergency Services and as the Coordinator of the Unified San Diego County Emergency Services Organization, issued a Proclamation of Local Emergency regarding COVID-19.

While the current, local situation remains stable, today's recommended actions will provide the County additional powers to coordinate local efforts and identify resources that may be necessary to fully address the response in the event that the situation evolves.

The virus is considered to be a very serious public health threat for a number of reasons including, but not limited to, the fact that much is unknown about the nature of the virus such as the exact modes of transmission, the factors facilitating human-to-human transmission, the extent of asymptomatic viral shedding, the groups most at risk of serious illness, the attack rate, and the case fatality rate. All these factors remain active areas of investigation. Additionally, there is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19 or specific antiviral treatment.

What is known at this time is that the virus is spread between people primarily via respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Symptoms of the virus include fever, cough, and shortness of breath, and infected individuals have experienced a range of outcomes, from mild sickness to severe illness and death. Based on experience with other coronaviruses that cause severe respiratory illness the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) currently believes that symptoms appear two to 14 days after exposure.

State law requires both the Declaration of Local Health Emergency and the Proclamation of Local Emergency to be ratified by the Board of Supervisors (Board) within seven days of issuance.

Today's action requests the Board to ratify, and find that there is a continuing need for, both the Declaration of Local Health Emergency and Proclamation of Local Emergency. If approved, the Board's ratification of the Proclamation of Local Emergency will (1) further ensure legal immunities for emergency actions taken by the County; (2) facilitate requests by the County and other local governments for State and Federal assistance under the State and Federal Disaster Assistance Programs; and (3) allow the Chief Administrative Officer (or authorized official) to take preventive measures necessary to protect and preserve public health and safety.

#### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

##### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Ratify the attached Declaration of Local Health Emergency made by the Public Health Officer on February 14, 2020.
2. Find that there is a continuing need for the local health emergency until no longer needed, subject to the California Health and Safety Code Section 101080 requirements.
3. Ratify the attached Proclamation of Local Emergency made by the Chief Administrative Officer on February 14, 2020.
4. Find that there is a need for continuing the local emergency until no longer needed, subject to California Government Code 8630 review requirements.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The estimated costs in responding to the international novel coronavirus (COVID-19) are currently being assessed. The primary costs being incurred by the County of San Diego (County) are for physician and other clinical and administrative support staff in the coordination, surveillance, communication and management of the COVID-19 local health emergency and local emergency, as well as related services and supplies, including requested ambulance standby and transport services. It does not include various hospital-related costs for patient care or for the shelter and basic care of those quarantined at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar location. Current County costs are being covered by existing department appropriations, including the use of Health and Human Services Agency Management Reserves, and are funded with General Fund fund balance, Realignment, and General Purpose Revenue. Staff will pursue federal and State reimbursement for all County costs incurred. There is no change in net General Fund and no additional staff years.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

#### **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Jacob, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended.

AYES: Cox, Jacob, Gaspar, Fletcher, Desmond

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

ANDREW POTTER  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of San Diego, State of California

Consent: Santiago  
Discussion: Zurita

NOTE: This Statement of Proceedings sets forth all actions taken by the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors on the matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological sequence in which the matters were taken up.

Approved by the Board of Supervisors, on Tuesday, March 10, 2020.

  
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GREG COX  
Chairman

Attest:

  
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ANDREW POTTER  
Clerk of the Board

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