

HESPERIA CITY COUNCIL
SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
HOUSING AUTHORITY
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
WATER DISTRICT



Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

Closed Session - 6:00 PM

Regular Meeting - 6:30 PM

City Council Chambers
9700 Seventh Ave., Hesperia CA, 92345
City Clerk's Office: (760) 947-1007

City Council Members

Brigit Bennington, Mayor
Josh Pullen, Mayor Pro Tem
Cameron Gregg, Council Member
Allison Lee, Council Member
Chris Ochoa, Council Member

Rachel Molina, City Manager
Pam K. Lee, City Attorney



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REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
HESPERIA CITY COUNCIL
SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
HESPERIA HOUSING AUTHORITY
HESPERIA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
HESPERIA WATER DISTRICT

9700 7th Avenue, Council Chambers, Hesperia, CA 92345

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CLOSED SESSION - 6:00 PM

Roll Call

*Mayor Brigit Bennington
Mayor Pro Tem Josh Pullen
Council Member Cameron Gregg
Council Member Allison Lee
Council Member Chris Ochoa*

Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation

Government Code Section 54956.9(d)1

1. *Cisneros, Jonathan v. City of Hesperia, et al.*, SBSC Case No. CIVSB2425104

CALL TO ORDER - 6:30 PM

A. Invocation

B. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

C. Roll Call

*Mayor Brigit Bennington
Mayor Pro Tem Josh Pullen
Council Member Cameron Gregg
Council Member Allison Lee*

Council Member Chris Ochoa

D. Agenda Revisions and Announcements by City Clerk

E. Closed Session Reports by City Attorney

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS (For items and matters not listed on the agenda)

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JOINT CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Page 5 Consideration of the Draft Minutes from the Regular Meeting held Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the City Council approve the Draft Minutes from the Regular meeting held Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

Staff Person: Assistant City Clerk Jessica Giber

Attachments: [Draft CC Min 2026-01-20](#)

2. Page 9 Warrant Run Report (City- Successor Agency- Housing Authority- Community Development Commission- Water)

Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the Council/Board ratify the warrant run and payroll report for the City, Successor Agency to the Hesperia Community Redevelopment Agency, Hesperia Housing Authority, Community Development Commission, and Water District.

Staff Person: Assistant City Manager Casey Brooksher

Attachments: [SR Warrant Run 2-3-2026](#)

[Attachment 1 - Warrant Run](#)

NEW BUSINESS

3. Page 11 Overview of Local Emergency Procedures, City Council Ratification, and City

Manager Authority to Assist Disaster-Impacted Residents

Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the City Council receive and file this report, which provides an overview of procedures in place for local emergency declarations, City Council ratification, and the authority of the City Manager to assist residents impacted by disasters.

Staff Person: Management Analyst Jacquelyn Castillo

Attachments: [SR Overview of Local Emergency Procedures 2-3-2026](#)

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND COMMENTS

The Council may report on their activities as appointed representatives of the City on various Boards and Committees and/or may make comments of general interest or report on their activities as a representative of the City.

CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY/STAFF REPORTS

The City Manager, City Attorney or staff may make announcements or reports concerning items of interest to the Council and the public.

ADJOURNMENT

I, Jessica Giber, Assistant City Clerk of the City of Hesperia, California do hereby certify that I caused to be posted the foregoing agenda on Thursday, January 29, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. pursuant to California Government Code §54954.2.

Jessica Giber, Assistant City Clerk

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City of Hesperia Meeting Minutes – Draft City Council

City Council Chambers
9700 Seventh Ave.
Hesperia CA, 92345

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

6:30 PM

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
HESPERIA CITY COUNCIL
SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
HESPERIA HOUSING AUTHORITY
HESPERIA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
HESPERIA WATER DISTRICT

CLOSED SESSION - 5:15 PM

Roll Call

Present: 5 - Mayor Bennington, Mayor Pro Tem Pullen, Council Member Gregg, Council Member Lee, and Council Member Ochoa

Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)1

1. *CA Arroyo Fund, Inc., et al. v. City of Hesperia, et al.* (SBSC Case No. CIVSB 2225409)
2. *LCTH Investment, LP, et al. v. City of Hesperia, et al.* (SBSC Case No. CIVSB 2303245)
3. *LCTH Investment, LP, et al. v. City of Hesperia, et al.* (SBSC Case No. CIVSB 2303246)
4. *LCTH Investment, LP, et al. v. City of Hesperia, et al.* (SBSC Case No. CIVSB 2310835)
5. *Desert-Candle, LP, et al. v. City of Hesperia, et al.* (SBSC Case No. CIVSB 2504950)

Personnel Matters - Performance Evaluations
Government Code Section 54957

1. Performance Evaluation - City Attorney
2. Performance Evaluation - City Manager

CALL TO ORDER - 6:32 PM

A. Invocation

B. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

C. Roll Call

Present: 5 - Mayor Bennington, Mayor Pro Tem Pullen, Council Member Gregg, Council Member Lee, and Council Member Ochoa

D. Agenda Revisions and Announcements by City Clerk

E. Closed Session Reports by City Attorney

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation of City Hall Employee of the Quarter Recognition to Viviana Gomez, Senior Warehouse Technician, by Robert Worby, Fleet/Warehouse Supervisor.
2. Presentation of Recognition to Silverwood for being named Master Planned Community of the Year in Southern California.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS (For items and matters not listed on the agenda)

The following people commented:

Kim Jones

Robert Davie

Hesperia News and Politics

Gina Whelan

Virginia Sundeen

Brenda Dahl

JOINT CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Gregg, seconded by Lee, that the Joint Consent Calendar be approved.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Gregg, Bennington, Lee, Ochoa, and Pullen

Nay: 0

1. Consideration of the Draft Minutes from the Regular Meeting held Tuesday, December 16, 2025, the Emergency Special Meeting held Monday, December 29, 2025, and the Special meeting held Tuesday, January 6, 2026.

Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the City Council approve the Draft Minutes from the Regular Meeting held Tuesday, December 16, 2025, the Emergency Special Meeting held Monday December 29, 2025, and the Special Meeting held Tuesday, January 6, 2026.

Sponsors: Assistant City Clerk Jessica Giber

2. Warrant Run Report (City - Successor Agency - Housing Authority - Community Development Commission - Water)

Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the Council/Board ratify the warrant run and payroll report for the City, Successor Agency to the Hesperia Community Redevelopment Agency, Hesperia Housing Authority, Community Development Commission, and Water District.

Sponsors: Assistant City Manager Casey Brooksher

3. Treasurer's Cash Report for the unaudited period ended November 30, 2025

Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the Council/Board accept the Treasurer's Cash Report for the City, Successor Agency to the Hesperia Community Redevelopment Agency, Hesperia Housing Authority, Community Development Commission, and Water District.

Sponsors: Assistant City Manager Casey Brooksher

NEW BUSINESS

4. Consideration of Annual Update of the City Council Procedures Manual

Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the City Council review and approve updates to the City Council Procedures Manual for 2026.

Sponsors: Assistant City Clerk Jessica Giber

A motion was made by Pullen, seconded by Lee, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Gregg, Bennington, Lee, Ochoa, and Pullen

Nay: 0

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND COMMENTS

The Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, and Council Members reported from various events and Committees.

Council Member Gregg requested an item outlining the costs and fees associated with building a home in the city.

CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY/STAFF REPORTS

No comments.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Jessica Giber, Assistant City Clerk

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City of Hesperia STAFF REPORT



DATE: February 3, 2026

TO: Mayor and Council Members
City Council, as Successor Agency to the Hesperia Community Redevelopment Agency
Chair and Commissioners, Hesperia Housing Authority
Chair and Commissioners, Community Development Commission
Chair and Board Members, Hesperia Water District

FROM: Rachel Molina, City Manager

BY: Casey Brooksher, Assistant City Manager
Keith Cheong, Senior Accountant
Verenise Fierros, Accountant

SUBJECT: Warrant Run Report (City – Successor Agency – Housing Authority – Community Development Commission – Water)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the Council/Board ratify the warrant run and payroll report for the City, Successor Agency to the Hesperia Community Redevelopment Agency, Hesperia Housing Authority, Community Development Commission, and Water District.

BACKGROUND

The Warrant Run totals represented below are for the period December 13, 2025 through January 2, 2026.

<u>Agency/District</u>	<u>Accounts Payable</u>	<u>Payroll</u>	<u>Wires</u>	<u>Totals</u>
City of Hesperia	\$1,951,559.32	\$693,083.91	\$0.00	\$2,644,643.23
Successor Agency	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Housing Authority	3,274.21	322.14	0.00	3,596.35
Community Development Commission	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Water	1,179,083.39	311,911.97	0.00	1,490,995.36
Totals	\$3,133,916.92	\$1,005,318.02	\$0.00	\$4,139,234.94

CITY GOAL SUPPORTED BY THIS ITEM

Financial Health – Maintain a balanced budget and adequate reserves.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Warrant Runs

City of Hesperia
WARRANT RUNS
12/13/2025-01/02/2026

Attachment 1

FUND #	FUND NAME	W/E		W/E		W/E		WARRANT TOTALS		Wires	YEAR-TO DATE TOTALS *	PRIOR FY YTD DATE TOTALS
		12/19/2025	12/26/2025	1/2/2026								
Accounts Payable												
100	GENERAL	\$ 566,154.74	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 566,154.74	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,499,175.48	\$ 20,475,295.70	
105	PENSION OBLIGATION TRUST	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
106	OPEB TRUST	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
110	SILVERWOOD	\$ 406.25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 406.25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 61,144.25	\$ 53,443.91	
200	HESPERIA FIRE DISTRICT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
204	MEASURE I - RENEWAL	\$ 401,921.08	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 401,921.08	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,142,936.91	\$ 20,903.24	
207	LOCAL TRANSPORT-SB 325	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	1.64
209	GAS TAX-RMRA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,976.49	\$ -	\$ -
210	HFPD (PERS)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,896,318.00	\$ 1,755,819.00	
241	CFD 2021-1 Resid Maint. & Serv	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,265.00	\$ 640.00	
242	CFD 2022-1 Non-Resd Maint & Serv	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,913.00	\$ 640.00	
243	CFD 2023-1 Silverwood Maint	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,992.00	\$ 640.00	
251	CDBG	\$ 292,621.52	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 292,621.52	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 619,476.46	\$ 2,861,442.74	
254	AB2766 - TRANSIT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
255	AB3229 SUPPLEMENTAL LAW	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
256	ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS GRANT	\$ 603.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 603.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,592.44	\$ 25,478.62	
262	SB 1383 LOCAL ASSISTANCE GRANT	\$ 46,001.02	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 46,001.02	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 156,154.76	\$ -	
263	STREETS MAINTENANCE	\$ 50,965.56	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,965.56	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 933,555.72	\$ 930,231.16	
300	DEV. IMPACT FEES - STREET	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34,379.75	\$ -
301	DEV. IMPACT FEES - STORM DRAIN	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 56,508.53	\$ 129,647.43	
306	DEV. IMPACT FEES - 2018-STREETS	\$ 16,626.17	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,626.17	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 415,666.30	\$ 1,133,846.70	
307	DIF 2018-DRAINAGE FACILITIES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,353.00	\$ 168,099.30	
309	DIF 2018-CITY HALL FACILITIES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
312	DIF 2018-POLICE FACILITIES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
313	DIF A-04 DRAINAGE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 498.79	
402	WATER RIGHTS ACQUISITION	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,125,308.97	\$ 1,664,308.80	
403	2013 REFUNDING LEASE REV BONDS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
404	2023 REFUNDING LEASE REV BONDS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 577,279.98	\$ 2,500.00	
504	CITY WIDE STREETS - CIP	\$ 266.84	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 266.84	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 819,585.89	\$ 2,720,693.14	
509	CITY FACILITIES CIP	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
800	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$ 143,637.19	\$ 98,607.98	\$ 232,932.07	\$ -	\$ 475,177.24	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,202,911.67	\$ 4,951,373.68		
801	TRUST/AGENCY	\$ 99,212.00	\$ 80.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 99,292.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,209,529.19	\$ 747,855.10		
802	AD 91-1 AGENCY	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
804	TRUST-INTEREST BEARING	\$ 1,523.90	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,523.90	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,854.70	\$ 41,287.31	
807	CFD 2005-1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,154,368.67	\$ 1,046,120.47	
808	HFPD (TRANSITION)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 335,635.00	\$ 317,435.02	
815	PLAN REVIEW TRUST - FRONTIER	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	CITY	\$ 1,619,939.27	\$ 98,687.98	\$ 232,932.07	\$ 1,951,559.32	\$ -	\$ 36,271,502.41	\$ 39,082,581.50				
163	REDEVELOP OBLIG RETIREMENT-2018	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,790,443.96	\$ 7,928,267.73		
	SUCCESSOR AGENCY	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,790,443.96	\$ 7,928,267.73		
370	HOUSING AUTHORITY	\$ 2,994.31	\$ 279.90	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,274.21	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,312.43	\$ 24,517.61		
	HOUSING AUTHORITY	\$ 2,994.31	\$ 279.90	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,274.21	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,312.43	\$ 24,517.61		
170	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
700	WATER OPERATING	\$ 285,859.70	\$ 4,090.79	\$ (0.05)	\$ -	\$ 289,950.44	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,038,591.23	\$ 7,017,705.39		
703	WATER CAPITAL REHAB AND REPLACE	\$ 97,208.38	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 97,208.38	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 541,396.29	\$ -		
705	WATER PENSION OBLIGATION TRUST	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 750,000.00		
701	WATER CAPITAL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,006,589.00	\$ 16,473.00		
710	SEWER OPERATING	\$ 788,428.81	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 788,428.81	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,447,823.12	\$ 3,177,666.95		
711	SEWER CAPITAL	\$ 1,255.10	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,255.10	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,055,596.95	\$ 1,075,237.42		
720	RECLAIMED WATER OPERATIONS	\$ 2,240.66	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,240.66	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,498.77	\$ 269,362.88		
	WATER	\$ 1,174,992.65	\$ 4,090.79	\$ (0.05)	\$ -	\$ 1,179,083.39	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,111,495.36	\$ 12,306,445.64		
	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TOTAL	\$ 2,797,926.23	\$ 103,058.67	\$ 232,932.02	\$ 3,133,916.92	\$ -	\$ 70,184,754.16	\$ 59,341,812.48				
REG. PAYROLL												
	City	\$ 338,075.94	\$ -	\$ 355,007.97	\$ -	\$ 693,083.91	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,229,388.91	\$ 4,424,097.90		
	Housing Authority	\$ 161.84	\$ -	\$ 160.30	\$ -	\$ 322.14	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,087.32	\$ 3,831.21		
	Water	\$ 147,384.29	\$ -	\$ 164,527.68	\$ -	\$ 311,911.97	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,062,036.14	\$ 2,071,530.80		
	PAYROLL TOTAL	\$ 485,622.07	\$ -	\$ 519,695.95	\$ -	\$ 1,005,318.02	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,293,512.37	\$ 6,499,459.91		

City of Hesperia STAFF REPORT



DATE: February 3, 2026

TO: Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Rachel Molina, City Manager

BY: Melinda Sayre, Deputy City Manager/City Clerk
Tammy Pelayes, Assistant to the City Manager
Jacquelyn Castillo, Management Analyst

SUBJECT: Overview of Local Emergency Procedures, City Council Ratification, and City Manager Authority to Assist Disaster-Impacted Residents

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the City Council receive and file this report, which provides an overview of procedures in place for local emergency declarations, City Council ratification, and the authority of the City Manager to assist residents impacted by disasters.

BACKGROUND

The City of Hesperia is subject to a range of natural and human-caused hazards, including severe storms, flooding, wildfires, drought, and public health emergencies. These events may require the City to take immediate action to protect public health, safety, and welfare and to support residents impacted by disasters.

The City's emergency response framework is established through the California Emergency Services Act (Government Code § 8550 et seq.), Chapter 2.20 of the Hesperia Municipal Code, the City's Emergency Operations Plan, and the City's adopted fee schedule. These authorities are consistent across all declared local emergencies and do not vary based on the type of incident.

This report is intended to serve as a reminder to the City Council of the procedures and authorities already in place and to summarize how those authorities are exercised during a local emergency.

ISSUES/ANALYSIS

Emergency Declaration and City Council Ratification

Under state law and the Hesperia Municipal Code, the City Manager is authorized to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when conditions warrant and when the City Council is not in session. Emergency declarations allow the City to immediately mobilize resources, expedite response and recovery, coordinate with external agencies, and take necessary measures to protect life, property, and infrastructure.

Pursuant to Government Code § 8630, any local emergency proclaimed by the City Manager must be presented to the City Council for ratification at the earliest practicable time and no later than seven (7) days following the proclamation. Once ratified, the local emergency remains in

effect until terminated by City Council action. If the emergency continues, the City Council must review and renew the declaration at least every sixty (60) days. This process ensures timely executive action while maintaining legislative oversight.

City Manager Authority to Assist Disaster-Impacted Residents

The City Manager's authority to waive or reduce fees is provided under Joint Resolution No. 2021-41, which amended the City-wide Fee Schedule related to the reduction and waiver of fees. Pursuant to Section 240: Waivers/Credits of the adopted fee schedule, the City Manager or designee is authorized to approve fee waivers, fee reductions, or issue credits of up to \$5,000 per occurrence, exclusive of Development Impact Fees or fees that cannot be reduced as a matter of law. This authority applies citywide and may be exercised when such action serves the public interest or supports disaster response and recovery efforts.

Upon declaration of a local emergency, the City Manager may assess the disaster's impact and coordinate City resources, partner agencies, and community-based organizations to provide assistance to affected residents. For example, as a result of the most recent storm, the City implemented a Storm Repair Assistance Program for residents whose homes were impacted. Assistance included damage assessment, waiver of certain permit fees and expedited permitting processes.

San Bernardino County Weed Abatement Waivers

The County of San Bernardino monitors and issues Weed Abatement Notices in the City. During a local disaster, when a resident requests additional time to comply with a County Weed Abatement Notice, County Land Use Services evaluates the situation and grants an extension appropriate to the specific circumstances of the property.

Potential Volunteer Assistance for Vulnerable Residents

During a local disaster, the City may request assistance from the Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD). If requested, VOAD would activate its network to reach out to partners that may be able to provide support to vulnerable residents.

CITY GOAL SUPPORTED BY THIS ITEM

Public Safety – Ensure public safety resources adequately protect our community.

FISCAL IMPACT

There are no fiscal impacts identified with this action.

ALTERNATIVE(S)

1. Provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. None