

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



Emergency Special Meeting Agenda

Monday, December 29, 2025 @ 4:00 p.m.

**Joshua Conference Room, First Floor
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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**NOTICE AND CALL OF EMERGENCY SPECIAL MEETING
HESPERIA CITY COUNCIL
SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
HESPERIA HOUSING AUTHORITY
HESPERIA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
HESPERIA WATER DISTRICT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an emergency special meeting of the Hesperia City Council, Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency, Hesperia Housing Authority, Hesperia Community Development Commission, and Hesperia Water District will be held on Monday, December 29, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. in the Joshua Conference Room, First Floor, at 9700 Seventh Avenue, Hesperia, CA 92345.



Brigit Bennington, Mayor / Chair

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As a courtesy, please silence your cell phones and other electronic devices while the meeting is in session. Thank you.

Prior to action of the Council, any member of the audience will have the opportunity to address the legislative body on the emergency item listed on the agenda.

Individuals wishing to speak during General Public Comments or on a particular numbered item must submit a speaker slip to the City Clerk with the agenda item noted. Speaker slips should be turned in prior to the public comment portion of the agenda or before an agenda item is discussed. Comments will be limited to three minutes for General Public Comments.

In compliance with the Brown Act, the City Council may not discuss or take action on non-agenda items or engage in question-and-answer sessions with the public. The City Council may ask brief questions for clarification; provide a reference to staff or other resources for factual information and direct staff to add an item to a subsequent meeting.

CALL TO ORDER - 4:00 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

NEW BUSINESS

1. Ratification of Declaration of Local Emergency

Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2025-52, ratifying the existence of a local emergency, as declared by the Director of Emergency Services as required by Government Code Section 8630(b).

Staff Person: Rachel Molina, City Manager

Attachments:

1. Resolution 2025-51, Declaration of Local Emergency
2. Resolution 2025-52, Ratification of Local Emergency

ADJOURNMENT

I, Melinda Sayre, City Clerk of the City of Hesperia, California, do hereby certify that I caused to be posted the foregoing agenda on Saturday, December 27, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. pursuant to California Government Code §54954.2.

Melinda Sayre, Deputy City Manager/ City Clerk

Documents produced by the City and distributed less than 72 hours prior to the meeting regarding items on the agenda will be made available in the City Clerk's Office during normal business hours.



DATE: December 29, 2025
TO: Mayor and Council Members
FROM: Rachel Molina, City Manager
BY: Melinda Sayre, Deputy City Manager/City Clerk
SUBJECT: Ratification of Declaration of Local Emergency

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2025-52 ratifying the existence of a local emergency, as declared by the Director of Emergency Services as required by Government Code Section 8630(b).

BACKGROUND

On Wednesday, December 23, 2025, a storm with unprecedented rain passed through the High Desert resulting in over 7.5 inches of rain in some areas of the City of Hesperia causing extensive damage due to flooding within the City. A preliminary estimate of public and private damage is in excess of \$1 million and expected to increase substantially as the impact of the storm continues to impact the community and residents.

Code Section 2.20.060 of the Hesperia Municipal Code empowers the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when said City is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the City Council is not in session. Therefore, the Director of Emergency Services of the City of Hesperia found that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property arose within Hesperia caused by flooding, and the Director signed and issued a local emergency declaration, Resolution No. 2025-051, on Friday, December 26, 2025.

The County of San Bernardino and the State of California have also declared a State of Emergency for the area.

ISSUES/ANALYSIS

The City Council's actions to ratify the existence of a local emergency within the City of Hesperia will support the City's ability to seek reimbursement for storm-related activities. If no action is taken, the original Declaration of Emergency will automatically terminate.

CITY GOAL SUPPORTED BY THIS ITEM

Ensure public safety resources adequately protect our community

FISCAL IMPACT

The ratification of the declaration of a local emergency will be required in order to obtain any funding available from the State of California or the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

ALTERNATIVE(S)

1. Provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution No. 2025-051, Emergency Declaration
2. Resolution No. 2025-052, Ratifying Emergency Declaration

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-51

A RESOLUTION BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES OF THE CITY OF HESPERIA, CALIFORNIA, CONFIRMING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Section 2.20.060 of the City of Hesperia Municipal Code empowers the Director of Emergency Services, to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when said city is affected or likely to be affected by the public calamity and the City Council is not in session; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services, of the City of Hesperia does hereby find:

1. That conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the City of Hesperia caused by:

Flood

(Fire, Flood, Storm, Riot, Earthquake, Energy Outage, or Other Causes)

2. That the City Council of the City of Hesperia is not in session (and cannot immediately be called into session).

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 8630 states:

- (a) A local emergency may be proclaimed only by the governing body of a city, county, or city and county, or by an official designated by ordinance adopted by that governing body.
- (b) Whenever a local emergency is proclaimed by an official designated by ordinance, the local emergency shall not remain in effect for a period in excess of seven days unless it has been ratified by the governing body.
- (c) The governing body shall review the need for continuing the local emergency at least once every 30 days until the governing body terminates the local emergency.
- (d) The governing body shall proclaim the termination of the local emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that a local emergency now exists throughout the City of Hesperia.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of the City of Hesperia shall be those prescribed by state law, by ordinance, and resolutions of this city, and by this city's Emergency Plan, as approved by the City Council.

Local Emergency is declared on December 26, 2025 at 2:30 pm.

Dated: December 27, 2025, By _____



(Director of Emergency Services)

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-52

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HESPERIA, CALIFORNIA, RATIFYING THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES PROCLAMTATION OF EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY ON.

WHEREAS, the California Government Code §8634 authorizes the City Council of the City of Hesperia to promulgate orders and regulations necessary to provide for the protection of life and property; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hesperia established its authority to designate an office authorized to declare a Local Emergency within Chapter 2.20 of the Hesperia Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, on December 29, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2025-52 ratifying the Declaration of a Local Emergency which was executed at 2:30 p.m. on Friday December 26, 2025 by Rachel Molina, Director of Emergency Services, City of Hesperia.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HESPERIA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. All facts as set forth above are true and correct.

Section 2. The City's Declaration of a Local Emergency issued by the Director of Emergency Services of the City of Hesperia on Friday, December 26, 2025, is hereby ratified and is in full force and effect until such time as the Declaration is terminated.

Section 3. That the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 29TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2025.

Brigit Bennington, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melinda Sayre, City Clerk