

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2024-83**

### **RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMARILLO, CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING AND AFFIRMING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY, AND CONFIRMING AND RATIFYING PROCLAMATION BY CITY'S EOS DIRECTOR OF THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY, IN RESPONSE TO THE MOUNTAIN FIRE**

**WHEREAS**, the California Emergency Services Act, Government Code sections 8550 et seq., including sections 8558(c) and 8630, authorize the proclamation of a local emergency, when conditions of a disaster or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property exist within the territorial limits of a city. Government Code section 8558(c) defines "local emergency" conditions to include flood, storm, hazardous materials incident, sudden and severe energy shortage, or other conditions that are or are likely to be, beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of this City, requiring the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat; and

**WHEREAS**, beginning on November 6, 2024, conditions of disaster or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the City has occurred due to the Mountain Fire; including damage to City infrastructure and presenting imminent peril to the health, safety and welfare of City residents and businesses and to City staff and operations; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Ventura's Sheriff Fryhoff acting as the Director of Emergency Services declared a Proclamation of Local Emergency on November 6, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, Camarillo Municipal Code (CMC) Chapter 2.32 appoints the City Manager as the EOS Director and after consideration of all facts reasonably available presently then for review, and pursuant to his rights and responsibilities under the CMC; within his duties so outlined, on November 7, 2024, the City Manager acting as Director of EOS for the City declared the existence, of a local emergency by issuing the "Proclamation of the Existence of a Local Emergency", attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of Government Code section 8558(b), on November 7, 2024, the Governor of the State of California issued a "Proclamation of a State of Emergency" ("Governor's Proclamation") declared that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property exist due to the Mountain Fire, ordering in relevant part as follows:

1. All agencies of the state government utilize and employ state personnel, equipment, and facilities for the performance of any and all activities consistent with the direction of the Office of Emergency Services and the State Emergency Plan. Also, all residents are to obey the direction of emergency officials with regard to this emergency in order to protect their safety.
2. The Office of Emergency Services shall provide assistance to local governments, if appropriate, under the authority of the California Disaster Assistance Act, Government Code section 8680 et seq., and California Code of Regulations, Title 19, section 2900 et seq.

**WHEREAS**, the health, safety and welfare of City residents, businesses, visitors and staff are of utmost importance to the City and additional future measures may be needed to protect the community. The mobilization of local resources, ability to coordinate interagency response,

accelerate procurement of vital supplies, use mutual aid, and allow for future reimbursement by the state and federal governments will be critical to successfully responding to the present storm related state of emergency. The City may require additional assistance in the future, and proclamation of local emergency allows additional resources to flow to the City in a timely manner; and

**WHEREAS**, the recitals and findings of the Governor's Proclamation and Ventura County Proclamation are referenced and incorporated herein as though set forth in full and are hereby adopted by reference as the recitals and findings of this Resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, after consideration of all facts reasonably available for review, the City Council of the City of Camarillo desires to affirm and ratify that the existence of a state of emergency throughout the City existed at the time that the EOS Director issued his Proclamation of a Local Emergency on November 7, 2024; and does hereby affirm the existence of a state of local emergency in the City as of the adoption of this Resolution.

**WHEREAS**, Government Code section 8630(c) requires the governing body to review the need for continuing the local emergency at least every 60 days until the governing body terminates the local emergency.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMARILLO, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The above Recitals are true and correct and incorporates them herein by reference.

Section 2. The proclamation of the City Manager as EOS Director declaring a local emergency attached hereto as Exhibit "A", is hereby ratified as required by California Government Code Section 8630(b) and affirms and proclaims there is a local emergency

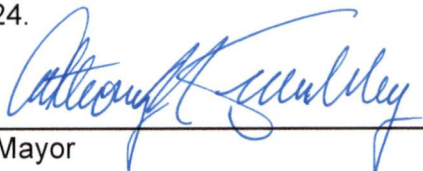
Section 3. The City Manager is further authorized and directed to submit and execute such records and documents as may be required to secure financial and other assistance from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES), or other entities, because of the Mountain Fire.

Section 4. The local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the City Council as authorized pursuant to Government Code section 8630.

Section 5. If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Resolution or any application of it to any person, structure, gathering, or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, then such decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Resolution.

Section 6: The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the record of original resolutions.

PASSED AND ADOPTED November 13, 2024.

  
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Mayor

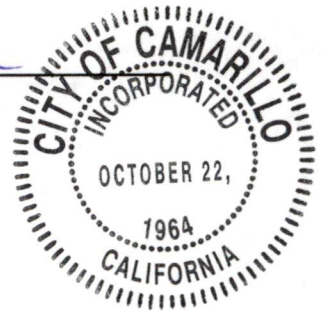
Attested to on November 14, 2024

Kristy Buxkemper  
City Clerk

I, Kristy Buxkemper, City Clerk of the City of Camarillo, certify Resolution No. 2024-83 was adopted by the City Council of the City of Camarillo at a special meeting held November 13, 2024, by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers: Kildee, Martinez-Bravo, Santangelo, Tennessen, Mayor Trembley  
NO: Councilmembers: None  
ABSENT: Councilmembers: None

Kristy Buxkemper  
City Clerk



## **PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY**

### **AN EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (EOC) OF THE CITY OF CAMARILLO, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY**

**SECTION 1:** The EOC Director for the City of Camarillo hereby finds and declares as follows:

A. Camarillo Municipal Code Chapter 2.32 empowers the City Manager, as the Emergency Operation Center "EOC" Director, to proclaim the existence of threatened existence of a local emergency.

B. Camarillo Municipal Code Section 2.32.020 defines an "emergency," as a "condition of disaster or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property caused by such conditions as air pollution, fire, flood, hazardous material incident, storm, epidemic, riot, drought, sudden and severe energy shortage, plant or animal infestation or disease, an earthquake warning or conditions other than those resulting from a labor controversy."

C. California Government Code Section 8550 et. seq. authorizes the City Manager to proclaim a local emergency when the City is threatened by conditions of disaster or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the City that are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City; and

D. The City Council is not presently in session and is not scheduled to meet again until 5:00 p.m., on November 13, 2024.

**SECTION 2:** The EOC Director for the City of Camarillo hereby orders as follows:

A. A local state of emergency now exists in the City.

B. During the existence of this local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of this City shall be those prescribed by state law and by ordinances, resolutions, and orders of this City, including but not limited to the City's Emergency Plan.

C. On Wednesday November 6, 2024, a fast-moving brush fire broke out in the Somis area, just west of Balcom Canyon Road. The intense Santa Ana wind event already in progress quickly spread the fire south and west across Hwy 118 and into the Camarillo Heights area.

D. Mandatory evacuation orders are in place in parts of Camarillo and surrounding Ventura County areas and as of the signing of the Proclamation, over 20,000 acres burned.

E. Ventura County Fire Department has been dispatched to fight the fire, and Ventura County Sheriff Department is providing life safety support.

F. The EOC Director activated the Emergency Operations Center on November 6, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. and immediately directed staff to support the Ventura County Fire Department and Ventura County Sheriff's Office, as needed.

G. The City is working with State, Federal and local government resources to assist with the response and protect the lives and property of residents.


H. Conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons, property and infrastructure have arisen in the City due to the fire.

I. As contemplated in the Emergency Services Act contained in California Government Code Section 8550 et seq., including Section 8558(c), and Chapter 2.32 of the Camarillo Municipal Code, a local emergency exists based on the existence of conditions, of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons property and infrastructure caused by a fire, as detailed in the Recitals set forth above.

J. Pursuant to Government Code Section 8630 and Camarillo Municipal Code Chapter 2.32, this proclamation has been issued in accordance with applicable law, is in effect and carries the force of law. The City Council shall review and ratify this proclamation of the City Manager within seven days as required by state law, and if ratified, shall continue to exist until the City Council proclaims the termination of this local emergency. The City Council shall review the need for continuing the local emergency as required by state law until it terminates the local emergency and shall terminate the local emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant; and

K. A copy of this proclamation shall be forwarded to the Director of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services requesting that the Director find it acceptable in accordance with state law; that the Governor of California, pursuant to the Emergency Services Act, issue a proclamation declaring an emergency in the City of Camarillo; that the Governor waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts.

PROCLAIMED this 7th day of November 2024.



GREG RAMIREZ  
CITY MANAGER/EOC DIRECTOR

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS** on November 6, 2024, the Mountain Fire began burning in Ventura County and has burned over 8,000 acres and continues to grow without containment; and

**WHEREAS** the Mountain Fire has destroyed and continues to threaten structures, homes, transportation and other critical infrastructure, communication sites, and transmission lines; and

**WHEREAS** low humidities and damaging winds blowing between 50 and 60 miles per hour, with gusts of up to 70 miles per hour, have increased the intensity and spread of the Mountain Fire, causing imminent threat to life, with a Red Flag warning in effect in Ventura County; and

**WHEREAS** the Mountain Fire has prompted evacuation orders and warnings for thousands; and

**WHEREAS** the Office of Emergency Services had previously coordinated prepositioning of firefighting resources in Ventura County in anticipation of dangerous fire weather conditions, including fire engine strike teams, a bulldozer strike team, water tenders, hand crews, and local government helicopters; and

**WHEREAS** state agencies, including the Office of Emergency Services and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, have been coordinating with and supporting emergency operations and fire and law enforcement resources in Ventura County in response to the Mountain Fire; and

**WHEREAS** in response to a request from my Office of Emergency Services, the Federal Emergency Management Agency has approved a Fire Management Assistance Grant to assist with the mitigation, management, and control of the Mountain Fire; and

**WHEREAS** under the provisions of Government Code section 8558(b), I find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property exist due to the Mountain Fire in Ventura County; and

**WHEREAS** under the provisions of Government Code section 8558(b), I find that the conditions caused by the Mountain Fire, by reason of their magnitude, are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of any single local government and require the combined forces of a mutual aid region or regions to appropriately respond; and

**WHEREAS** under the provisions of Government Code section 8625(c), I find that local authority is inadequate to cope with the magnitude of the damage caused by the Mountain Fire; and

**WHEREAS** under the provisions of Government Code section 8571, I find that strict compliance with various statutes and regulations specified in this Proclamation would prevent, hinder, or delay the mitigation of the effects of the Mountain Fire.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the State

Constitution and statutes, including the California Emergency Services Act, and in particular, Government Code section 8625, **HEREBY PROCLAIM A STATE OF EMERGENCY** to exist in Ventura County due to the Mountain Fire.

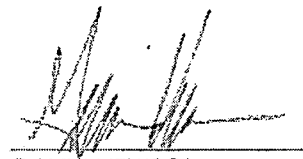
**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

1. All agencies of the state government utilize and employ state personnel, equipment, and facilities for the performance of any and all activities consistent with the direction of the Office of Emergency Services and the State Emergency Plan. Also, all residents are to obey the direction of emergency officials with regard to this emergency in order to protect their safety.
2. The Office of Emergency Services shall provide assistance to local governments, if appropriate, under the authority of the California Disaster Assistance Act, Government Code section 8680 et seq., and California Code of Regulations, Title 19, section 2900 et seq.

**I FURTHER DIRECT** that as soon as hereafter possible, this Proclamation be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this Proclamation

This Proclamation is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of California, its agencies, departments, entities, officers, employees, or any other person.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have  
hereunto set my hand and caused  
the Great Seal of the State of  
California to be affixed this 7th day  
of November 2024.

  
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GAVIN NEWSOM  
Governor of California

**ATTEST:**

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SHIRLEY WEBER, PH. D  
Secretary of State