



RESOLUTION NO. 2023-46

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF COCONINO COUNTY, ARIZONA, DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO FLOODING IN AND AROUND TUSAYAN, ARIZONA

WHEREAS, Arizona Revised Statutes § 26-311 authorizes the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Coconino County, Arizona or his/her designee, to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when Coconino County is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity; and

WHEREAS, Coconino County Resolution 2021-29 authorizes the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to declare the existence of an emergency or local emergency; and

WHEREAS, severe monsoon flooding impacts to a local community have occurred due to significant rainfall, including, but not limited to, road closures, shelter-in-place advisories, damages to private property, and roadway and drainage system damages; and

WHEREAS, the rainfall over the Coconino Wash was estimated by radar at two to three inches over a two-hour period; and

WHEREAS, the impact of flooding to the local communities is severe, creating the need for Flash Flood Warnings issued by the National Weather Service and “shelter in place” emergency notifications to area residents; and

WHEREAS, Coconino County has dedicated staffing to plan, prepare for, and execute flood response, recovery, and protective measures; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross has opened a shelter for affected citizens and visitors; and

WHEREAS, additional weather events, including the potential for severe thunderstorms with rainfall possible for the affected areas, are likely to produce additional flooding; and

WHEREAS, the County requests that the State secure the involvement of any identified, or yet to be identified, resources to provide technical, financial, or other support, as necessary.

WHEREAS, the Town of Tusayan declared a local emergency, through Proclamation, because of monsoon flooding, which started August 22, 2023, in and around the Town of Tusayan; and

WHEREAS, the Chair of the Board of Supervisors of Coconino County does hereby find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within Coconino County due to intense summer monsoon rains; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a local emergency now exists in and around the Town of Tusayan, located within Coconino County, due to flooding, effective August 22, 2023, and continuing; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND STRONGLY RECOMMENDED that to prepare for a “shelter in place” or evacuation order, or an extended period of power outage or the inability to access your home, all residents of the County in the impacted area prepare an emergency kit that contains clothes, medicines, and important documents for each member of the family and household pets to last a minimum of 72 hours; prepare an emergency plan that includes a means to alert family members and a plan to move livestock to safety; and to obey all lawful orders. All residents are also encouraged to register for Emergency Notifications at coconino.az.gov/ready.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of this County shall be those prescribed by State Law, by Ordinances, and Resolutions of Coconino County and the County Emergency Operations Plan. Citizens are urged to cooperate with this Emergency Declaration and, to every degree possible, abide by the safety announcements, advisories, and restrictions established by the regions’ multi-agency Emergency Operations Center, and to cooperate with the community’s public safety agencies and emergency services personnel.

COCONINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

(SEAL)





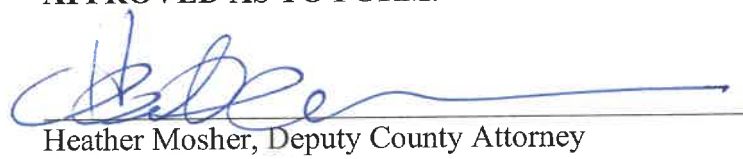
Jeronimo Vasquez, Chair

ATTEST:



Lindsay Daley, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Heather Mosher, Deputy County Attorney

PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the Town of Tusayan has the power to declare a proclamation of an emergency or local emergency in accordance with A.R.S. Section 26-311; and,

WHEREAS, the undersigned has the authority to determine that an emergency exists within the Town limits of the Town of Tusayan due to fire, conflagration, flood, earthquake, explosion, war, bombing, acts of the enemy or any other natural or manmade calamity or disaster, or by reason of threats, occurrences of riots, routs, affrays, or other acts of civil disobedience which endanger life or property within the Town of Tusayan; and,

WHEREAS, the undersigned has in determined that a storm event has caused a flood that has caused or threatens to cause injury, damage, and suffering to persons and property located in the Town of Tusayan, Coconino County, Arizona; and,

WHEREAS, repetitive rain conditions from previous days led to ground saturation conditions that culminated in a flood event that began on or about 3:15pm on August 22, 2023.

WHEREAS, emergency management measures are required to reduce the severity of this flood event and to protect the health, safety and welfare of people and property located in the Town of Tusayan.

WHEREAS, "shelter in place" emergency notifications were issued to area residents beginning August 22, 2023;

WHEREAS, The American Red Cross opened shelter services for affected citizens and visitors;

WHEREAS, additional weather events, including the potential for severe thunderstorms with rainfall possible for the affected ares, are very likely to produce additional flooding;

NOW THEREFORE, I, CLARINDA VAIL, MAYOR FOR THE TOWN OF TUSAYAN, hereby declare that pursuant to A.R.S. Section 26-311, an emergency does exist due to this flood event, effective immediately and said emergency shall cease upon a duly filed Withdrawal of the Proclamation of Emergency.

FURTHER, I direct the Tusayan Town Manager, or her designees, to coordinate activities of the emergency response, to take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the effects of this flood event, to aid in restoration of essential public services, and to take any and all action deemed necessary to respond to this emergency.

DATED this ^{23rd} ~~22nd~~ day of August, 2023, at 3, o'clock, p.m.

ATTEST:

Lina M. Albani

TOWN CLERK

Clarinda Vail

CLARINDA VAIL, MAYOR

APPROVED TO FORM:

Charlie Hendrix

REVIEWED BY: Charlie Hendrix

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