



# Health & Human Services Agency

## COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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**AGENDA DATE:** May 9, 2023

Public Hearing Required	N/A
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	N/A
Published Notice Required	N/A
Advertised Published Notice	N/A
Meet & Confer Required	N/A
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	N/A
Personnel Resolution attached	N/A
Agreement(s) attached	N/A

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**SUBJECT:** Apply for Disaster Assistance for the 2023 March Storms & Flooding

### **REQUEST(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorize the electronic submission of a Request for Public Assistance by the Emergency Services Director or designee for Major Disaster Declaration DR-4699-CA.
2. Approve the attached Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution to appoint authorized agents to act on behalf of the County in securing and administering grant funds and direct the Clerk of the Board to certify the Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution.
3. Authorize the Chair of the Board to sign the attached Project Assurances for Federal Assistance.
4. Authorize the Chair of the Board to sign the Project Application for California Disaster Assistance Act Program.

### **SUMMARY:**

Tulare County proclaimed local emergencies on March 1, 2023, and March 9, 2023, for severe storms and flooding impacts beginning on February 24, 2023, causing damage across the County and requiring numerous swift-water rescues, evacuation warnings, and road closures to address. Tulare County was included by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on the Presidential Major Disaster Declaration DR-4699-CA on April 03, 2023, which encompasses both local emergencies. Tulare County is eligible for all categories of work, including emergency protective measures, debris removal, and permanent repairs to infrastructure. Additionally, individuals and

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households are eligible for FEMA Individual Assistance, agricultural producers are eligible for United States Department of Agricultural assistance, and businesses are eligible for Small Business Administration assistance.

Staff recommends the Board approve the requests presented to ensure that all documents necessary to secure State and Federal disaster assistance are submitted in a timely manner to minimize the amount of delay in obtaining disaster recovery reimbursement and execution of permanent infrastructure repairs, which will benefit Tulare County residents.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

Approval of this Agenda Item enables the County to pursue disaster cost recovery through State and Federal programs, reducing the county's cost share for eligible response costs and permanent repairs to as low as 6.25%.

**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:**

The County's five-year strategic plan includes the Safety and Security element, with an initiative to provide coordinated emergency preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation capabilities for both natural and man-made disasters. Applying for disaster assistance supports the goal of coordinated recovery efforts by leveraging all available State and Federal resources, including funding, to return the community to a safe and healthy pre-disaster state.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**

/s/ Anita Ortiz

Anita Ortiz

Associate Agency Director

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachments: A. Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution  
B. Project Assurances for Federal Assistance  
C. Project Application for California Disaster Assistance Act Program