

PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Title 8, Chapter 8.08, Part 2, Section 808.210 of the Municipal Code of the City of San Jose 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 public calamity and the City Council is not in session; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services of the City of San Jose ("City") does hereby find the following conditions exist:

1. Predicted High wildfire risk and high wind conditions from Saturday, October 26, at 5 pm to Monday, October 28 at 2 pm: Specifically, the temperature is predicted to be between 75- and 90 degrees Fahrenheit, the predicted humidity level is 30%, with winds of 45 to 60 mph and gusts expected to reach 70 miles per hour, predicted to be a historic wind event.
 - a. The National Weather Service Issued a Red Flag Warning at 1200 hours on October 22, 2019.
 - b. The National Weather Service projects the wind event to last 40 hours.
2. Public Safety Power Shut-off event ("PSPS"): On October 24, 2019 at 1046 hours, the Pacific Gas and Electric Company ("PGE") notified the City of San Jose that it would execute a PSPS in response to high wildfire and wind conditions in the surrounding area. The PSPS will be initiated between the hours of 2200 on Saturday, October 26, 2019 and 1400 on Monday October 28, 2019 and may result in power outages in Santa Clara County, including the south and east portion of the City of San Jose, and extend through Thursday, October 31, 2019.
3. The anticipated area that will be without power during the PSPS include portions of City Council Districts 2, 4,5,8,9, and 10 ("Impacted Area") in the southern and eastern portions of the City.
4. PSPS may be extended to account for latent impacts due to power line inspection, infrastructure and equipment damage, and sequenced re-energization throughout the affected region.

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services also finds that the high wildfire conditions and PSPS event are expected to produce, cause, or threaten to cause extreme peril to the City's citizens, which will necessitate continuous emergency response. Specifically:

1. High wildfire risk and high wind conditions will increase the likelihood and severity of wildfires given the strong winds and low humidity. A PSPS in the Impacted Area may increase the likelihood of low water pressure in the Impacted Area, which impacts fire suppression capabilities and increases wildfire danger.
2. PSPS increases the likelihood of sanitary sewer system disruption in the Impacted Area, including the operation of 2 sanitary lift stations and 1 water pump station, which must operate on backup generators. If a lift station or water pump is unable to operate, it could result in:
 - a. Sewage spills in the Impacted Area, which would contaminate groundwater, harm the environment, and endanger public health;
 - b. Therefore, it is necessary to maintain backup generation and continuously refuel those generators to the 2 sanitary lift and 1 water pump stations in the Impacted Area in order to maintain a minimum level of sewer service.
3. PSPS increases the likelihood of severe traffic congestion in the Impacted Area that could impact the rest of the City during peak traffic times and result in:
 - a. Non-functional traffic lights and street lights in more than 8 main arterials and thoroughfares in the Impacted Area. This can cause severe gridlock, panic, increase the likelihood of accidents and obstruct emergency vehicles and refueling trucks providing services to the Impacted Area
 - b. Major intersections / traffic arteries in the Impacted Area include impacts to 66 traffic signals along:
 - Tully Rd
 - Quimby Rd
 - Aborn Rd
 - San Felipe Rd

- Almaden Expy
 - Camden Ave
 - Cottle Rd
 - Santa Teresa Blvd
4. PSPS impacts vulnerable populations such as:
- a. Medical Baseline customers who rely on electrically-powered medical devices and mobility devices;
 - b. Assisted living facilities and healthcare facilities, and others who are unable to physically go to community resource or charging centers.
 - c. These impacts necessitate emergency response, specifically:
 - i. Additional staffing from Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services (PRNS) to conduct in-person notifications and check-ins to Medical Baseline enrollees as well as senior care facilities.
 - ii. The City to provide resource support (food, water, emergency supplies, etc.) at activated Community Resource Centers.
 - iii. The City to provide generators as necessary to prioritized facilities to the extent possible.
5. High wind event can cause trees to topple and debris to become airborne and cause injury.

WHEREAS, in response to the high fire conditions and impending PSPS, which threaten extreme peril and necessitate continuous emergency response, the Director of Emergency Services activated the City's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) on October 26, 2019 at 4:00 P.M.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of San Jose is not in session and cannot immediately be called into session.

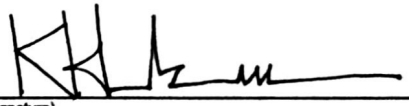
WHEREAS, the City requests the Governor of California to declare a state of emergency and request the activation of California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA).

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a local emergency now exists throughout the City; and

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 city shall be those prescribed by state law, by ordinance, and resolutions of this City; and that this emergency proclamation shall expire in seven (7) days after issuance unless confirmed and ratified by the City Council of the City of San Jose.

THE CITY FURTHER REQUESTS that the Governor of the State of California proclaim a State of Emergency or that the Director of the State Office of Emergency Services provide Concurrence with this Proclamation, so the City may request reimbursement of the significant expenses incurred during response as authorized under the California Disaster Assistance Act under California Government Code Section 8680, et. seq.

Date: 26 OCTOBER 2019

By: 
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Director of Emergency Services
City of San Jose